

Baker orders Brent to drop 'racism' case

By John Clare, Education Correspondent

Mr Kenneth Baker is to order Brent council to drop all disciplinary proceedings against Miss Maureen McGoldrick, the headteacher...



Miss McGoldrick has support of parents and union...

exchange of letters in which he made plain that in his view the council had no grounds for pursuing the case any further...

Teaching pay deal edges closer

By Our Education Correspondent

A solution to the teachers' pay dispute edged a fraction closer yesterday when the employers' leader, Mr John Pearman, undertook to revise the deal...



Tough talking: Mr Kenneth Baker speaking yesterday after meeting leaders of teachers' unions.

Botha launches pre-Christmas raids on ANC

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

In a television address to the nation, the South African president, Mr P.W. Botha, last night announced that the security forces had taken steps during the previous 24 hours to prevent widespread acts of terror...

Mr Botha's disclosure came after an announcement by the Commissioner of Police, General Johan Coetzee, that an undisclosed number of ANC members and other political activists had been arrested.

Among those detained is Mr Zwelake Sisiulu, the editor of The New Nation, a radical fortnightly paper funded by the Catholic Church...

The authorities declined to confirm Mr Sisiulu's arrest, but his lawyers said that his mother, Mrs Albertina Sisiulu, had been notified by the Police that he was in detention.

Mr Botha's disclosure corroborates other evidence that the Government's particular target is the so-called 'alternative press'.

He further disclosed that the security force action had been aimed not only at the ANC, but also at 'those who allow themselves and their organisations - especially the UDF (United Democratic Front) - to be misused and misguided by the forces of terror'.

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Soviet airliner crashes

East Berlin (Reuter, AP) - A Soviet airliner crashed as it was about to land at East Berlin's Schoenefeld airport yesterday and East German television said 10 survivors had been found so far by rescue teams.

The main television news bulletin reported that the plane, described by the official ADN news agency as an Aeroflot TU-134, was on a flight from Minsk to the East German capital with 73 passengers and nine crew.

The television report said it was not yet known how many people died in the crash but rescue work was continuing.

East Germany's official ADN news agency said fire trucks and emergency vehicles were at the scene of the crash.

ADN said a special commission under the leadership of Herr Otto Arndt, the Transport Minister, had been formed, but gave no details.

Monday

Officers and ladies



While the male cadets of Sandhurst brandish rifles, the women wave canes. How fares the female in the modern Army?

Portfolio Gold

£20,000 to be won. There is £20,000 to be won today in The Times Portfolio Gold competition - the £4,000 daily prize and £16,000 in the weekly, twice the usual amount because no one won last week.

Crusader out

White Crusader, Britain's entry in the America's Cup, lost to six seconds to New Zealand, the overall leaders, in Fremantle and failed to reach the semi-finals.

Becker beaten

After losing to Ivan Lendl in New York, Boris Becker did even worse on home ground in Stuttgart, going down to a Russian.

Time to give

Christmas giving to charities can sometimes be doubled by a covenant. Family Money, pages 26 to 30

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£60 m to refine Sellafield

By Pearce Wright Science Editor

Improvements to the Sellafield nuclear reprocessing plant in Cumbria, ordered by the Health and Safety Executive, will cost tens of millions of pounds.

A 'guesstimate' yesterday by British Nuclear Fuels was more than £60 million.

But the amount would remain uncertain until the company clarified with the Nuclear Installations Inspectorate exactly what was expected in some of the demands contained in the Safety Audit of BNFL Sellafield published on Thursday.

Only then, according to the company, could detailed engineering work be planned and costed. Discussions start next week with the inspectorate on 'how to translate the proposals in the audit into a mutually acceptable programme of work and timetable'.

British Nuclear Fuels was also told to draw up a 'safety case' for Sellafield. Among other things, that would include a review of present methods of inspection and maintenance.

The company said it was not possible to foresee if the safety analysis would highlight additional change, and hence, the extra associated time and costs.

Although the safety executive asked the company to make the improvements within 12 months, it is clearly impossible for anyone to say categorically that it can all be done in that period.

In the audit, the safety inspectors examined 672 reports of radiation leaks and exposures recorded at Sellafield between January 1979 and August 1985.

Further embarrassing claims that France has been engaging in hard bargaining for the release of its hostages in Beirut, despite Government denials, are contained in a detailed report in the independent French daily, Liberation, published yesterday.

According to the newspaper, M Jacques Chirac, the Prime Minister, agreed to pay a 15 million franc (£1.6m) ransom in exchange for the release of two French television journalists, M Philippe

Aids outbreak risk to Anderton's job

By Staff Reporters

The outspoken condemnation of Aids by Mr James Anderton, the chief constable of Greater Manchester, won public plaudits yesterday but immediately brought the threat of disciplinary action from his own police authority.

Even while the police headquarters switchboard was jammed with hundreds of calls of nationwide support, outraged members of the Greater Manchester Police Authority were seeking legal advice on the possibility of officially admonishing or even forcing the resignation of their most volatile employee.

Next Friday each member of the authority will be given a transcript of the speech delivered by Mr Anderton at a one-day Aids seminar in Manchester on Thursday, when he spoke about the self-inflicted scourge of society and the cesspool of immorality.

Feelings about his startling description of the disease are so hostile, particularly among left-wing supporters of the Socialist-dominated authority, that a fresh collision seemed inevitable.

Mr David Moffat, the deputy chairman of the authority, said a copy of Mr Anderton's speech was rushed to members at a meeting of the Finance and Policy Committee, hours after its delivery to 160 delegates from 43 police forces. It was placed on the agenda for immediate discussion.

'To say members were surprised and disappointed is putting it mildly,' Mr Moffat added. 'Some of them were seething with indignation and are determined the matter will not rest until our chief constable has at the very least been forced to apologise.'

Since the former Greater Manchester Police Committee had been disbanded and replaced by the more politically liberal police authority, he said, every effort had been made to protect the identity of both parties, refused to answer questions.

But Mr Maxwell Lewis, his solicitor said that legal advice would now be taken about prosecuting The Sun newspaper which publicly named the doctor in March and then launched the private prosecution after the Director of Public Prosecutions said there was insufficient evidence to institute proceedings.

Mr Lewis said the doctor had endured a 'crushing burden' since his arrest in September 1985 which had made his life a 'living hell'.

British Gas sale raised £7.75bn

The Government reaped £7.75 billion from the sale of British Gas. And the creation of Sid - the mythical man who was employed to encourage a new breed of small investor - cost £164 million.

The final bill, presented to Parliament yesterday by Mr Peter Walker, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, showed that 2 per cent of the cash raised - £5.35 billion in sales and £2.4 billion in borrowing - was spent.

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Doctor cleared of raping girl

A doctor was yesterday acquitted of raping a girl aged eight while she slept at his home last year.

At the end of a five-day private prosecution brought by the girl's mother, the jury also found the consultant anaesthetist innocent of indecent assault.

The doctor, aged 50, married with a son aged five, said afterwards: 'I have always maintained my innocence. I just wish to get back to my work.'

The doctor, whose family relationship with the girl was not published during the trial

Kinnock condemned again

From Richard Owen Brussels

Mr George Shultz, the United States Secretary of State, and Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, yesterday condemned the Labour Party's enthusiastic defence policy at a meeting of Nato foreign ministers.

Mr Shultz, declining at first to comment since it had been 'drummed into him' not to comment on the internal politics of other countries, accused the Labour Party of adopting a 'catastrophic' policy.

'Why in the world put ourselves in a position where the Soviet Union can look down our throats and tell us where to go because they are heavily armed and we have thrown all our arms away,' he said. 'It does not make any sense at all.'

His outspoken remarks followed last week's attack on unilateralism by Nato defence ministers and the largely hostile reception given to Mr Kinnock's ideas during his visit to the US.

Sir Geoffrey said Labour's policy was folly last week 'and is still foolish this week'.

Mr Neil Kinnock last night denied that Labour was fudging its defence policy by promising to consult Britain's Nato allies before getting rid of American nuclear weapons (our Political Reporter writes). But he failed to confirm that the ultimate removal of the weapons was a firm pledge rather than an objective.

US tries to reassure Nato allies

From Richard Owen Brussels

In an attempt to restore American credibility, Mr George Shultz, the Secretary of State, yesterday moved swiftly and firmly to mend the Reagan Administration's fences with its European allies.

He agreed with Nato foreign ministers on post-Reykjavik arms control priorities, reassured the Europeans that the White House was putting the Iran debate behind it, and urged EEC and US negotiators to settle their trade differences by the end of the year, while President Reagan wants the two key figures in the Iran arms controversy, Vice Admiral John Poindexter and Lt-Col Oliver North, to 'co-operate fully with Congress, to tell the full story... to tell it in open session'.

The White House said (Reuter reports from Washington).

Democrats revived, page 5 warning that American patience over the trade issue had its limits.

A communique at the end of the two-day meeting of the Nato Council omitted the plan advanced by Mr Reagan at Reykjavik in October for the total elimination of all ballistic missiles in 10 years, which had alarmed the Europeans. Instead, it spelled out Nato's immediate goals along the lines agreed in November at Camp David between Mr Reagan and Mrs Thatcher.

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Paper says France paid £1.6m ransom

From Diana Geddes Paris

Further embarrassing claims that France has been engaging in hard bargaining for the release of its hostages in Beirut, despite Government denials, are contained in a detailed report in the independent French daily, Liberation, published yesterday.

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Rochot and M George Hansen, last June.

The deal, which also included political concessions to Iran and Syria, was allegedly negotiated by two Lebanese Shia businessmen, Mr Nagib Zaber and Mr Ibrahim Baroud, with M Chirac's Chief du Cabinet, M Michel Rousin, acting as the go-between.

The report comes hard on the heels of President Mitterrand's revelation earlier this week that M Chirac and his Socialist predecessor, M Laurent Fabius, had considered releasing a pro-Iranian terrorist, sentenced to life imprisonment in France, in exchange

for French hostages in Beirut.

M Mitterrand said he would consider a presidential pardon for Mr Anis Naccache, head of a four-man commando team which killed a French policeman and a woman during an assassination attempt against Mr Chirac's Chief du Cabinet, M Michel Rousin, in Paris in 1980.

M Chirac has always been adamant that he would not be prepared to negotiate directly or indirectly with terrorists.

Mortgages fuel rate of inflation

The rate of inflation rose to 3.5 per cent last month, its highest since March and up from 3 per cent in October.

The increase, largely due to the 1.25 point rise in mortgage rates last month, puts inflation above the Treasury's forecast of 3.25 per cent for the fourth quarter of the year.

Many City economists expect the rate to move steadily higher by the end of next year. But the Treasury and the Bank of England expect the rate to be held at 4 per cent or less.

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# Public spending boost for Ulster

The Government is to spend extra cash on education, health and job-promotion schemes as part of increased public expenditure plans for Northern Ireland.

The detailed spending proposals announced yesterday by Mr Tom King, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, re-emphasized the Government's commitment to security, which is to get an extra £40 million a year until 1990, and the dependence of the province on the exchequer in Whitehall.

Public spending will rise from £4,530 million this year to £5,140 million in 1989-90, of which about £1.4 million is a direct contribution from the exchequer.

Education is to receive an extra £55 million next year and health a £50 million increase, while the Government hopes the additional cash being spent on capital projects will create hundreds more jobs in the construction industry, which has been particularly hard hit by threats from the Provisional IRA to those working for the security forces.

# Two help Miners' Gardai case valid

Two men were being questioned by the Garda yesterday after security forces in the Republic of Ireland uncovered an explosives and bomb-making factory close to the border.

Police raided a house near Ballykeise, in Co Cavan, early on Thursday morning and discovered several hundredweight of explosives, three beer kegs and three timing devices. Yesterday Gardai were describing the discovery as a major explosives haul.

After the raid two men were taken for questioning to Monaghan police station.

The bank had tried to claim the union's case was "legal nonsense" and should be dismissed.

But Mr Justice Whitford said he was not satisfied that the NUM had no possibility of success.

The bank was given leave to appeal.

# Train drivers plea

Aslef, the train drivers' union, appealed to Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, yesterday to persuade the Government to compensate members who suffer mental pain and distress from witnessing rail track suicides.

Mr Ray Buckton, the union's general secretary, said there are 400 rail deaths a year and some drivers are unable to work again. He wants the Criminal Injuries Compensation provision of the Criminal Justice Bill amended. Earlier this year the Court of Appeal ruled that train drivers were not eligible for compensation.

Mr Buckton said yesterday: "The effects of a suicide on the track can be shattering for a driver, particularly if he has experienced more than one incident".

# Arlott recovers

John Arlott, the cricket writer and broadcaster, was recovering at home yesterday after an operation for cancer of the abdomen.

Mr Arlott, aged 72, had the operation at the Radcliffe Infirmary, Oxford.

From his home on Alderney in the Channel Islands, he said: "I'm perfectly fit. I am working and walking about."

He added that he was busy writing his autobiography.



# Detective charged

Detective Constable Kenneth Harold White, of the Metropolitan Police, allegedly involved in a homosexual ring, has been charged under the Official Secrets Act after an investigation into claims of "hacking" into the police national computer, Sir Michael Havers, Attorney General, told the Commons yesterday. Michael Edward Taylor, aged 27, from Warsash, near Southampton, has also been charged.

# Chamberlain diary ban now a 'request'

By Paul Valley

The door of the heavy fireproof safe which holds Neville Chamberlain's unpublished diaries on the abdication of King Edward VIII may well be firmly closed but, it now transpires, it is not exactly locked.

While historians and MPs continued yesterday to express indignation over the attempt by Sir Robert Armstrong, the Cabinet Secretary, to block publication of the documents, the Government issued a statement which claimed that there was no instruction but only a request that the diaries should not be published.

Birmingham University, which was given the diaries in 1974 by Chamberlain's daughter, Mrs Dorothy Lloyd, in compliance with the will of the politician's widow, had intended to publish them next month, 50 years after the abdication crisis. But then, as reported in *The Times* yesterday, it was informed by the Cabinet Office that the documents were covered by a 100-year secrecy rule.

The protests which followed came from across the House, with Mr David Alton, the Liberal MP, tabling two questions and the historian and Conservative MP for Cambridge, Mr Robert Rhodes

James, describing the prohibition as "extraordinary" and complaining: "It strikes me as a rather worrying extension of the official rules if they cover private diaries and private letters".

Then, yesterday afternoon, the Cabinet Office issued a statement which began: "The holders of private papers of certain people who as ministers at the time were closely involved in events leading up to the abdication have been asked not to release such documents as relate to those events so long as the public records remain closed, until January 2, 2037".

The Public Records Act

1967 empowers the Lord Chancellor to extend the period of restriction on certain documents, according to the Public Record Office. In the case of "papers relating to the private affairs of the Royal Family whose disclosure would be likely to cause distress" that extension was normally for 100 years, a spokesman said.

Other records which must remain private for 100 years include details of the decennial census, National Health Service medical records, and the official war records of operational units in the field.

The response by Mr Anthony Nichols, librarian at the

# QE2 crew accept cut in pay by big vote

By Tim Jones

Crew members on the QE2, luxury flagship of Britain's merchant fleet, have delivered a big rebuff to the National Union of Seamen by voting overwhelmingly to accept a pay cut.

By 609 votes to 47, the hotel and catering staff on the prestige 57,000 tonne liner voted to accept Cunard proposals which are designed to make the unlikely veteran of the Falklands campaign competitive in the cut-throat luxury cruise market.

Against sustained opposition from the union, and threats that the liner would be unable to leave port and stranded as a "rust bucket", the crew members have decided to accept the company plan which involves contracting the catering services to a Miami-based company.

Before the secret ballot, Mr Sam McCluskie, union general secretary, said: "I don't give a damn if Cunard gets a massive majority in their ballot - I will mobilize the support of the entire union and make the QE2 a rust bucket unless she sails with our hotel and catering crew".

At present, the liner is undergoing a £20 million refit at Bremerhaven, West Germany, estimated to extend her operational life by 20 years, and will not return to Southampton until April.

Although the liner has about her an inevitable cachet, she operates on the Britain to New York route as a super transatlantic passenger ferry for only a third of her working life.

For the rest of her time, she is involved in the luxury cruise market where the competition is fierce and where profit margins are becoming increasingly slim.

A spokesman for Cunard said yesterday that employees accepting the deal would be entitled to redundancy payments ranging from £1,200 to £20,000 and would then be eligible for employment with the new contract company.

# Lords aim to defy Baker on teachers' pay body

By Sheila Gunn

The House of Lords is expected to insist that the proposed new teachers' pay body be independent of the Government which would wreck a central element in Mr Kenneth Baker's campaign to impose a settlement in the long-running pay dispute.

This will lead to a head-on collision in February between the Secretary of State for Education, who is determined to repel all attempts to weaken his power.

There is sympathy among peers with the aim of abolishing the Burnham committee for negotiating teachers' pay. But unless the committee is independent of government, many fear there will be increased bitterness between teachers, education authorities and Mr Baker to the detriment of schools and, particularly, the children.

The strong local democracy lobby, which has threatened the Government's other local government Bills in recent years, is campaigning vigorously in the Lords where a combination of Labour, Alliance and independent peers can defeat the Conservative whip of 400.

Conservative and independent peers are also worried that the Bill would give a future left-wing Labour government the right to impose "loony ideas" on schools.

Lord Alexander of Potterhill, an influential independent and a former Burnham Committee member, compared such a threat with schools in Germany in the early 1930s, when children were ordered to shout Heil Hitler.

Mr Baker is well aware that the fate of his Bill lies in the hands of the Lords. Government sources disclosed yesterday that they will follow the convention of allowing a de-



Jonathan Mestel, the British chess Grandmaster, considering strategy at yesterday's Kleinwort Grievson British Chess Championship at the Great Eastern Hotel, London. He was making his first moves in the play-off with Murray Chandler and Jon Speelman, who drew on Thursday (Photograph: Alan Weller).

# Ministry accused of passing secrets

By Martin Fletcher

The Ministry of Defence was accused yesterday of handing important technical information to the Soviet Union through its handling of a £220 million contract for battlefield ammunition transporters known as DROPS.

At the same time it was claimed in the Commons that Lord Trefgarne, Minister of State for Defence Procurement, had "a very serious case to answer" over the selection process for the contract and a British firm called Boughtons.

Speaking in a debate on defence projects and exports, Mr Paddy Ashdown, the Liberal trade and industry spokesman, raised the allegation that Boughtons' pioneering design for DROPS had been passed by the MoD to the companies that were eventually awarded the contract.

One of those companies was Multitiff, which he revealed was owned by a Finnish company called Paratek which in turn supplied very similar hydraulic equipment to the Soviet state truck manufacturer Kama.

Mr Kevin McNamara, a Labour defence spokesman, demanded full answers to allegations that a Conservative MP, Mr Richard Ottaway, had been ordered not to make a fuss about the exclusion of Boughtons from the selection process.

If that pressure had been exerted "at the direction, suggestion, or nod and wink of Lord Trefgarne there was a very serious case for Lord Trefgarne to answer".

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# Telecom to shed 450 jobs

By Ronald Faux

British Telecom is to shed more than 450 jobs at plants in Birmingham, London and Edinburgh. The job losses, announced a day after the company revealed half-year profits of more than £1,000 million, are within the Telecom subsidiary Fulcrum Communications.

More than 300 jobs will be lost at Bordesley Green, Birmingham, and 150 at plants in London and Edinburgh. The losses are part of a shift within Telecom towards high technology and more flexible manning.

Fulcrum Communications carries out repairs, maintenance and tests, largely on the old electro-mechanical equipment. "The company was due for rationalization and the losses will all be covered by relocation, redeployment or voluntary early retirement. There will be no enforced redundancies," Telecom said.

It added that it had recruited 10,000 new workers in the past three years, but had shed 15,000 jobs over the same period, largely because of new high technology systems.

● Danepak, the largest packer of bacon in the country, yesterday announced that its factory at Selby, North Yorkshire, will close on January 1, with the loss of 247 jobs.

The company will concentrate operations at its plant in Thetford, Norfolk, where 170 new jobs will be created.

● Seven farmworkers and three foresters at the Hirsell Estate at Coldstream, Berwickshire, the home of Lord Home of the Hirsell, the former Prime Minister, are to be made redundant next year.

A spokesman for the estate said the job losses were a result of the present financial climate in agriculture.

● Middlesex County Press is to close its Uxbridge printing plant, with the loss of 198 jobs, next March.

# Terrorists kill lorry driver

A father of three was killed yesterday by mistake when a bomb exploded in the cab of a lorry at the Killen creamery near Castleberg, Co Tyrone, near the border with the Irish Republic.

The target was the lorry's usual driver, a part-time police officer, Mr Desmond Caldwell, who was in his early forties, was driving the vehicle because of a heavy workload in the creamery.

# Spread a 'moral Chernobyl'

By Thomson Prentice, Science Correspondent

The spread of Aids is like a "moral Chernobyl" and the promotion of condoms is "a counsel of despair", Cardinal Basil Hume, leader of Britain's Roman Catholics, has said.

He criticized aspects of the Government's public education campaign on Aids which encourage the use of condoms. It was dangerous to suggest to young people that the condom was 100 per cent safe, he said.

In an interview to be broadcast today, on the Channel 4 programme *Seven Days*, Cardinal Hume said that any campaign which does not take into account that sexuality belongs exclusively to marriage is, in the long term, not serving the best interests of society and of future generations.

The only answer to the Aids epidemic was a "profound change" in social and moral behaviour. A good Catholic's concern, he said, should be to prevent the immediate spread of Aids, and prevent contraception at the same time.

"It can only be both by self-denial. It is going to be hard but that's the only way to get things right", he said.

Cardinal Hume, who is also Archbishop of Westminster, said: "If we try to over-emphasize the short-term solutions, then we are really going to sell people short. We have to change people's attitudes."

There was no question of the Catholic church giving "tacit acceptance" to the use of contraception in the prevention of spreading the disease, he said.

He added: "It is a strange irony of fate that fear is going to be a more demanding teacher than we have been from our pulpits".

Mr Norman Fowler, the Secretary of State for Social Services, has said that he would be willing to discuss the issues with Cardinal Hume.

Mr Fowler will discuss the Government's record on Aids prevention tomorrow in the BBC programme *This Week Next Week*, along with Mr Roy Hattersley and Mr Roy Jenkins.

● An Aids sufferer aged 39 has been banned from using a swimming pool. The Sports Council for Wales says a ban on those with Aids will remain until it receives medical advice from the Welsh Office.

The ban has been imposed at pools at Plas Menai, Caernarvon, and at the National Sports Centre at Cardiff.

Yesterday the Aids patient, who lives near Criccieth in Gwynedd, and who asked not to be named, said he would fight the ban, and added: "I'm told it is clinically impossible to pick up the virus from the water".

● Derek Cummins, aged 23, from Crumlin, Dublin, who was given compassionate release from Mountjoy prison, Dublin, after he contracted Aids, died yesterday. He had been serving a five-year sentence imposed this year for armed robbery.

methodist lay-preacher now undergoing conversion to Catholicism, had told his stunned seminar audience that he was speaking as a husband, father and lover of the human race who cared about future generations of yet unborn children.

Government ministers yesterday repudiated the moral crusade against Aids advocated by Mr Anderton.

They insisted that public policy had to be directed towards warning people of the practical steps they should take to protect themselves.

Mr Tony Newton, Minister of State for Health, underlined the Government's pragmatic approach to combating the disease.

Asked on BBC Radio 4 if he shared Mr Anderton's diagnosis, he said: "I would not wish to put a position of that kind in those terms. We have made it very clear that people who sleep around in a promiscuous way are running very great risks."

# Assault on 'loony left' is renewed

By Nicholas Wood

Political Reporter

Mr Norman Tebbit, the Conservative Party chairman, yesterday stepped up his party's onslaught on the "loony left" by releasing a dossier on the "excesses" of 14 Labour councils.

He coupled it with a letter to Tory activists insisting there is no truth in Labour assertions that the "crazy campaigns of left-wing councils represent the work of a tiny minority".

Mr Tebbit added: "The left-wing politicians are Labour in power. Messrs Kinnoch, Hattersley, and Cunningham are just Labour in opposition."

"The future of the Labour Party lies with the left. A parliamentary majority for the Labour Party would give these people and their friends a crucial role in any Labour government."

Mr Tebbit's letter names Manchester, Bristol, Haringey, Ealing, Southwark, Brent, Islington, Camden, Lambeth, Hackney, Newham, Sheffield, Derbyshire and Edinburgh as areas where the "loony left" reigns supreme.

The dossier lists countless alleged abuses of power including promoting homosexuality in schools, flying the Swapo flag over the town hall and abolishing the office of mayor.

# Cash for under fives 'will not prevent closures'

By Jill Sherman

New government funding for the under fives came under attack yesterday from children's organizations, who dismissed it as a short-term, emergency measure.

In a parliamentary written answer, Mr Antony Newton, Minister for Health, announced a further £550,000 to help play groups, toy libraries and day nurseries when their funding runs out next April.

The groups, which have

been financed through the Under Fives Initiative set up by the Government in 1983, are run by voluntary children's organizations.

The aim of the three-year scheme was to increase day care services for young children from families with special needs, such as low-income, one-parent and ethnic minority families.

Mr Newton announced a £400,000 tapering scheme to give local authorities or other local bodies time to take on the financial responsibility. A second scheme of £150,000 is to enable selected national voluntary bodies to give small grants to local groups.

"It is to be hoped that by making these arrangements all the projects started with Initiative money will be secure after central government money comes to an end," Mr Newton said.

The National Children's Home said that the new money would fail to prevent

# Anderton's job at risk from Aids outburst

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Made to end the enmity which had previously existed.

"Yet in a matter of minutes Mr Anderton seems to have demolished all the bridges which have so painstakingly been built between the police and the authority during the past few months."

"If it is agreed that what he said at the seminar went beyond the pale then some sort of censure is certain to follow, but what form it will take will depend entirely upon what legal options are open to us."

Mr Anderton sat in his 10th-floor suite in Greater Manchester police headquarters yesterday refusing to either elaborate on his speech - or withdraw its contents.

A senior officer said the chief constable had been heartened by the hundreds of telephone calls which poured into police headquarters throughout the day supporting his stand.

Mr Anderton, a former

# Cash for under fives 'will not prevent closures'

many of these schemes having to close.

"Local authorities do not have the money to take on the funding. This is just another example of short-term central funding where the Government expects the local authority to pick up the tab."

"Yet again it avoids tackling the fundamental problem of improving care for the under fives," Mr Ashley Wyatt, head of the child and family unit of the National Children's Home, said.

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# Public inquiry into Derbyshire sinking ordered by minister

By Rodney Cowton, Transport Correspondent

The Department of Transport yesterday ordered a public inquiry to be held into the loss of the bulk carrier Derbyshire, in which 44 people died.

It comes less than a month after the department refused requests for an inquiry, but since then the Kowloon Bridge, the 169,000 tonnes deadweight sister ship of the Derbyshire, has been lost off the coast of Ireland. This has increased fears that the ships could have had a common fault, and has greatly reinforced pressure for an inquiry.

The Derbyshire disappeared in a typhoon in the Pacific on September 9, 1980, with the loss of all hands, and without any distress signals being heard or any wreckage found.

The Derbyshire was built in 1976, one of six sister ships constructed by Swan Hunter Shipbuilders.

Three weeks ago the Kowloon Bridge put into Bantry Bay, on the west coast of Ireland, having suffered damage while crossing the Atlantic. A few days later, while continuing her voyage to Glasgow, the crew had to be lifted off by helicopter, and she

broke up on the coast of Cork. Yesterday Lloyd's of London disclosed that efforts to salvage fuel from the Kowloon Bridge had been discontinued.

Relatives of the men who lost their lives on the Derbyshire have been pressing for a public inquiry for years.

Mr Albert Sammut, of South Shields, Tyne and Wear, who lost two relatives in the Derbyshire, said that he was "very relieved" there was to be an inquiry. He hoped that it would find out all information relevant to the sinking, and "put our minds to rest, and help my wife, Betty, and I to return to some kind of normality after all these years of anxiety".

Mr Neil Rapley, a London banker, whose brother died in the Derbyshire, said: "We are absolutely delighted. It has been a long and hard struggle."

Mr Martin Sutton, a solicitor acting for 17 of the bereaved families, said an inquiry would be welcomed by all the families. He thought there were a lot of aspects of the matter which would come into the open.

Announcing the decision,



The 91,655-ton bulk carrier Derbyshire, formerly Liverpool Bridge, lost with all hands off Japan six years ago.



Officer cadets from the Women's Royal Army Corps marching in the Sovereign's Parade at Sandhurst yesterday. The parade of 600 cadets was reviewed by General Sir Roland Gray, representing the Queen, on his last day in the Army (Photograph: Peter Trivnor).

## Claims against dismissal Executives' threat to firms

By Ramald Faux, Employment Affairs Correspondent

Companies who dismiss executives for fair or unfair reasons are under pressure to make large out-of-court settlements for fear the aggrieved employee discloses industrial secrets at an industrial tribunal.

A settlement that avoids a hearing avoids publicity because hearings are open to the public, whereas a conciliated settlement between the parties is not.

The first conciliated settlement worth more than £1 million was reached recently through the Advisory Conciliation and Arbitration Service. Others are known to have nearly reached seven figures, taking into account cash, pension rights and other benefits.

Appearing before a public tribunal limits compensation to £8,000 plus statutory redundancy pay and one year's salary - well below what can be negotiated privately. Acas refused to give any details about the first settlement to breach £1 million and there is no direct evidence to suggest that any particular executive was threatening a tribunal hearing merely to put pressure on a company.

The Confederation of British Industry said it suspected that the threat of arbitration could be a factor in some compensation claims. "People are well aware of their rights to go to arbitration and where

## Arrest of couple was unlawful judge rules

A couple who sued the police for wrongful arrest during a murder inquiry in which their son was a suspect, have won their High Court action.

Mrs Sarah Holtham, aged 45, and her husband, William, aged 49, of Upper Francis Street, Abertridwr, near Caerphilly, Mid Glamorgan, claimed damages against the Metropolitan Police and Det Chief Insp Derek Croft.

After listening to legal submissions yesterday, Mr Justice Paine told the jury that they had no power to try the issue of whether the couple had been lawfully or unlawfully arrested. It was a matter for the judge to decide and he ruled that the police had acted unlawfully.

On Monday, the judge will direct the jury on compensatory damages and they will return to assess the amount.

Mr and Mrs Holtham were arrested at their home in November 1980 by police investigating the murder of a homosexual in London, in which their son, Gareth, was a suspect.

They were questioned in custody in London for four days, but not charged.

Police believed the couple had been instrumental in the disposal or destruction of stolen stereo equipment, a vital clue in the murder of Anthony Bird in June 1980. The couple denied that any stereo equipment had come into their house or that their son had been at home at the time claimed.

The police denied Mr and Mrs Holtham's claim that they were not cautioned or told they were being arrested or why they were being arrested. They said they had reasonable grounds for taking the couple into custody and acted lawfully.

## Portfolio Gold - Clergyman blessed with win

A canon from Nottinghamshire was among the three winners who shared yesterday's £4,000 Portfolio Gold prize.

Canon Ralph Wheaton, of The Vicarage, Blyth, Worksop, said his £1,333 win would "probably be put away for a rainy day". He has worked at Blyth for five years, having previously been based in Leicestershire.

Canon Wheaton, aged 54, shared yesterday's prize with Mrs Clare Burgess, of Albury, near Tring, Hertfordshire, and Mr John Chrystal, of Wandswoth, south London.

Mr Chrystal, aged 74, a widower, said: "I never expected to win" when he learnt of his success. He said he planned to draw up "a long list of things I want, because I have no idea at the moment". Mr Chrystal, who worked in a patents office before he retired, has been a regular reader of *The Times* for more than 20 years.

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Canon Ralph Wheaton, saving his win for a rainy day.

## Wider range of cancer aid

The range of jobs in which workers receive benefit if they develop lung cancer as a result of working conditions is to be extended from next year.

In a Commons written reply yesterday, Mr John Major, Minister for Social Security, said the Government want to extend the benefit to tin miners, workers exposed to the chemical BCMC, and those affected by the dust of zinc chromate, calcium chromate and strontium chromate.

## Court clears catapult man

A squirrel hunter had a conviction for possessing offensive weapons quashed by the High Court yesterday.

It ruled that Mr Anthony Southwell, aged 24, of Southampton, had a legitimate use for his "Black Widow" catapult and a 12in knife. Mr Southwell said he hunted squirrels to feed birds of prey, which he kept under licence.

## Man in cells found hanged

A man charged with robbery was found dead, hanging by his jacket in police cells at Caerphilly, five hours after his arrest yesterday.

Christopher Michael Bevan, aged 21, unemployed of Shelly Court, Graggy-Rhacca, Machen, Mid Glamorgan, was charged after a garage attendant was threatened with an axe during a raid.

## Grant saves collection

An important art collection at Weston Park, Staffordshire, historic home of the Earl of Bradford, has been saved from dispersal by an injection of £7.5 million from the National Heritage Memorial Fund.

The arrangement, announced yesterday, is the latest of three deals made possible by a £25 million government grant.

## New presenter

Janice Long, the Radio One disc jockey, takes over on Monday as a television presenter on BBC 1's *Open Air* for three weeks until January 9.

## Judges too pompous, says judge

Britain's judges were accused yesterday of being pompous - by a judge.

Judge Goodall, recently criticized as being "sexist", told barristers and officials at Plymouth Crown Court that he had always "tried to avoid the besetting sin of judges - pomposity".

He said: "We call it judicialism."

Judge Goodall, retiring after 19 years on the bench, said lawyers sometimes failed to realize that for some people appearing in court was an ordeal and "I have tried to lessen that ordeal".

He was criticized by feminists after telling a woman driver recently that she should have "switched on the charm" when stopped by a policeman.

## Duchess's father in path battle

Major Ronald Ferguson, father of the Duchess of York, wants a bridge path diverted away from his home in the village of Dunmer, Hampshire, a court was told yesterday.

He would also like the whole of a pathway from the village of Dunmer to neighbouring Popham to be closed to vehicular traffic.

Yesterday Hampshire County Council applied to Basingstoke magistrates to lift a diversion order imposed two years ago after research by a local resident discovered that the path was, in fact, an ancient highway with full vehicular rights.

The application is opposed by several organizations and private individuals. The case continues.

## Cold night saved doctor from death

A freezing cold night may have helped to save a doctor's life after her throat was slit in an alleged murder attempt, the Central Criminal Court was told yesterday.

Dr Madhu Baksh was found in bushes at Keston Ponds, Kent, last January - her neck slashed open so that her voice-box showed.

Her husband, Dr John Baksh, is accused of attempting to murder her and also of murdering his first wife, Ruby. Mrs Baksh "miraculously" survived, the jury has been told.

"The cold diminished the effect of her wound", Mr Padmanathan Ratnesar, the surgeon who operated on her later, said.

He explained that because Mrs Baksh was suffering from hypothermia when she was found by a passer-by, the rate she was losing blood was slowed down.

She had also been drugged with morphine "which helped

## Risk for smokers who stop

People who give up smoking still run a considerable risk of suffering a heart attack, doctors said yesterday.

Men who stop smoking for more than five years run twice the risk of men who have never smoked, they said.

And for those who give up for more than 20 years, some increased risk remains - particularly among former heavy smokers.

The findings were based on a study of 7,735 middle-aged men in 24 towns, who took part in the British Regional Heart Study during the past six years.

The survey showed that while cigarette smokers had a threefold risk of a heart attack, former smokers had a twofold risk compared with men who have never smoked.

Until now it was generally thought that stopping smoking "quickly" reduced the chance of a heart attack.

But the latest study, reported in *The Lancet*, found that "the benefit of giving up cigarette smoking is more gradual and less than is widely accepted."

"However, giving up prevents the accumulation of more smoking years and hence a still higher risk of a heart attack."

"If this is so, it is vital to persuade individuals not to start smoking and to encourage young cigarette smokers to give up as early as possible."

"Anyone unable to give up should be encouraged to cut down their consumption," the doctors, led by Professor Gerald Stapper, of the Royal Free Hospital in London, said.

The study, financed by the British Heart Foundation, showed that the number of years a person has smoked - not the number of cigarettes now being smoked - determines the risk of a heart attack.

## Gambler who took hostage sent to jail

A compulsive gambler who took a woman customer hostage during a bank robbery was jailed for five years yesterday.

Paul Clawson, aged 25, unemployed, of no fixed address, admitted robbing Barclays Bank in Oxford Street, central London, of £1,160 in March. He also admitted having an imitation firearm with intent to commit a robbery.

Mr William Boyce, for the prosecution, said Clawson grabbed Mrs Martha Machado, aged 26, and took her hostage.

He pushed the revolver into her side and ordered a cashier to fill a bag with money. "You have 30 seconds before I pull the trigger", he told her.

Clawson fled, but was chased by Mr Alex Brooker, aged 24, a surveyor, and another customer.

At one point, Clawson turned and threatened Mr Brooker who remained undeterred and continued the chase until Clawson got into a taxi.

Mr Brooker, who works in the West End, was awarded £50 by Mr Recorder Lord Hooson, QC, for chasing the gunman and noting the index number of the taxi.

Mr Boyce said Clawson was arrested the same evening at the White Hermitage Hotel, Exeter Road, Bournemouth.

Mr Timothy Sewell, for the defence, said Clawson lived in an "aura of unreality". He was a compulsive gambler and decided to rob the bank because of his debts.

"The way he described the robbery does seem to smack of bravado. Perhaps the alias of Matt Striker he gave himself was thinking", Mr Sewell said.

## Two charged over Brinks Mat theft

Mrs Lesley Fleming, whose husband John is wanted by Scotland Yard for questioning about the £26 million Brinks Mat gold bullion robbery, will appear at Horseferry Road magistrates' court in London today charged with dishonestly handling £100,000 in proceeds from the raid.

Another man, Mr Brian Perry, aged 48, of Main Road, Biggin Hill, Kent, will also appear charged with dishonestly handling £6 million.

Mrs Fleming, aged 33, whose address has been given only as south-east London, was arrested on Thursday and charged at Rochester Row police station.

Her husband has been held by US Immigration and Naturalization Service in Miami

## Robberies up by 14% in a year

Robberies increased by 14 per cent in England and Wales in the 12 months up to September, compared with the corresponding previous year. They rose from 26,400 to 30,000, according to the Home Office Statistical Bulletin.

There was an overall 6 per cent rise in crime recorded by police, disclosing an in-exorable increase. The figure is almost unchanged over the years since 1980.

Sexual offences rose by 7 per cent, burglaries in dwellings by 7 per cent, and burglaries in other buildings increased by 2 per cent. There was a 10 per cent increase in offences of criminal damage.

Thefts from vehicles increased by 16 per cent, thefts of motor vehicles by 11 per cent and thefts from the person by 9 per cent. But thefts from shops fell by 6 per cent.

Theft of all kinds is running at an annual total of 1,974,900 recorded offences and burglary at 920,700.

Home Office Statistical Bulletin (Statistical Department, Home Office, Lunar House, Croydon, Surrey CR0 9YD; £1.50).

## Landowners seek greater planting

A long-term national forestry policy is called for by the Country Landowners' Association in a report published yesterday.

It says that Britain produces only 10 per cent of its needs, although it has some of the best timber-growing land in Europe.

Only 10 per cent of Britain's land is under forestry, compared with an EEC average of 22 per cent, and imports in 1984 cost £4 billion. Yet more and more farmland will be freed for other uses as technology advances, the report adds.

It says that a forestry programme could meet an increasing demand for timber and timber products; reduce agricultural surpluses; offer a use for unwanted farmland; help to maintain farm incomes and create rural employment opportunities; and enhance the environment.

However, the programme would have to be supported by financial will born out of favourable public opinion, the association emphasizes. The European Commission has made it clear that it is not prepared to establish another massively dependent industry.

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Clare Valder, an assistant at Christie's, with the 41-in long carriage which sold for £3,190 (Photograph: Paul Lovelace), and the tiny general it conveyed.

A miniature phaeton used to transport a 25-in tall "general" on a European tour in the last century was sold in London yesterday for £3,190. Charles Sherwood Stratton (below), christened General Tom Thumb by P T Barnum, the American showman who organized the tour, stopped growing when he was five months old. During his 1844 tour he was presented to Queen Victoria. The 41-inch long carriage was sold, at a price of more than £77 per inch, to an unnamed private buyer.

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# PARLIAMENT

## Formal inquiry into loss of the Derbyshire announced

There is to be a formal investigation into the disappearance of the bulk carrier Derbyshire, which sank six years ago with the loss of all 44 crew, Mr Michael Spicer, Under Secretary of State for Transport, announced in a statement to the Commons. The investigation will be held in Liverpool, the ship's home port, the minister said.

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Spicer: Inquiry in home port of Liverpool

He said in my statement to the House on November 25 I referred to the possible link between the damage suffered by the Kowloon Bridge and the loss of the Derbyshire, one of her sister ships which disappeared in the Pacific in 1980 with the loss of 44 lives.

I undertook to consider whether, in the light of the loss of the Kowloon Bridge, there might be a case for holding a formal investigation into the loss of the Derbyshire. The inspector's report contains details of cracks and distortion to the deck and hatch coverings of the Kowloon Bridge and other damage sustained during the voyage across the Atlantic. The report concludes there was no evidence of design difficulties or structural failure of the kind which has been suggested might have caused the loss of the Derbyshire.

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## BBC plea for world TV service

By Jonathan Miller  
Media Correspondent

The BBC said yesterday that it would be a tragedy if the Government rejects its request for financial support to launch a world television news service.

Mr John Tusa, director of BBC External Services, said there was "no excuse in 1986 for not being aware of the power of transnational television".

The BBC has asked the Foreign and Commonwealth Office for up to £3 million a year for its global news plan, which is intended to put the corporation into the forefront of a rapidly developing market for international programme exchanges which is at present dominated by the Americans.

The news programmes, which would include sport, business news and global weather reports, would be beamed by satellite to television stations and cable networks around the world, and would also be seen on either BBC1 or BBC2, the corporation said.

The BBC said the Government's investment in the service would be minimal, and the benefits to Britain considerable. The £1.2 million start-up cost of the project could be met from reserve funds already held by the BBC.

## Motor industry Land Rover offers first nine-day fortnight deal

Workers on the shop floor at Land Rover were offered the first nine-day working fortnight in the British motor industry yesterday.

In a radical package of proposals, the company also put forward a plan to introduce a quality bonus for workers, which would be based on feedback from customers.

Land Rover management formally replied to a £21-a-week pay claim from union leaders representing 6,000 manual workers at the company's headquarters at Solihull, and Freight Rover in Birmingham, both West Midlands.

The company wants to introduce a two-year deal to operate from January 1. The offer would take typical basic weekly rates up from £141.66 to £152.50 by the second year.

There is an existing bonus scheme which pays up to £30 a week, but the deal proposes a new customer quality rating in which a further £10 weekly

bonus could be paid. The nine-day fortnight would mean workers getting every second Friday off, but working an extra 40 minutes per shift. It would mean an extra 22 days off a year, almost doubling the present allowance.

The company also proposes giving staff status to its hourly paid employees, with better sick and holiday pay entitlements, and some security against layoffs.

The proposals were put to trade union negotiators yesterday.

Production target reached by Nissan

Nissan, the Japanese car maker, has reached full production at its factory in the United Kingdom, five months after the first Bluebird rolled off the assembly line.

The £50 million plant, employing 740 at Sunderland, Tyne and Wear, is now turning out 95 cars a day, meeting the target for 24,000 a year for

the first phase of the development. A £300 million expansion will increase production to 100,000 and the workforce to 2,700 by 1991.

Mr Ian Gibson, production control director, yesterday described the achievement as unprecedented in Britain. It had come just over two years after the start of the plant's construction.

He said: "Right from the start our operation has been meticulously planned and the only unexpected features have been pleasant ones, faster enrolment of local component suppliers and even greater commitment from our workforce."

The total of 27 British component suppliers when the plant was officially opened by Mrs Thatcher last September had been increased to 58, with a further nine in mainland Europe, he said.

It was likely there would be a 50 per cent local content within the first year of production.

## Money for Childline trickles in

Money has started to arrive at the Childline offices in London after Thursday's appeal for funds from Esther Rantzen, the television personality.

She has given a warning that the new help line for abused children will have to close in February unless more money is made available.

A spokesman for the charity said yesterday: "We could do with someone like Paul Getty stepping in to help us."

## Hindley talks to police chief

The man leading the inquiry into the disappearance of two children 20 years ago had a two-hour meeting yesterday with Myra Hindley, serving a life sentence for the moors murders.

Det Chief Supt Peter Topping and Mr Michael Fisher, Hindley's solicitor, refused to answer questions as they left Cookham Wood Prison, Rochester, Kent.

## Museum cash is increased

The Government is giving £3,896,000 more to museums next year Mr Richard Luce, Minister for the Arts, announced yesterday. He said in a Commons written reply that this was a 3.8 per cent rise to nearly £107.8 million.

## Driver jailed

Vincent Price, aged 23, a car salesman, of Glossops Parade, Glossops Green, Crawley, West Sussex, whose car crashed into a police vehicle killing a police officer in Putney, south-west London, was jailed for two years and banned from driving for 10 years, at the Central Criminal Court yesterday.

## Verdict date

The Court of Appeal decision on the appeal by Margaret Livesey, of Bamber Bridge, Lancashire, against conviction for the murder of her son Alan, aged 14, will be given on Tuesday.

## Singer divorce

Grace Kennedy, the singer, yesterday ended her four-year marriage to Mr Robert Winsor, a businessman. She was awarded a special procedure decree at the London Divorce Court.

## Vets condemn cut in research funds

The British Veterinary Association said yesterday that it was appalled to learn of further cuts in government funding for research into animal diseases.

The cuts mean that all work on cattle lameness, a painful and distressing condition which afflicts about a quarter of all dairy cows each year, would cease. The association has also listed as funding priorities mucosal disease, which causes abortions and genetic defects; and infectious bronchitis in poultry. The importance of continuing research had been emphasized by the Government's advisory body, the Farm Animal Welfare Council.

"If the Minister of Agriculture will not listen to his own advisers, who will he listen to?" Mr Bernard Wells, the association's president, said yesterday.

The association had protested many times at severe reductions in funding, which

## Mix-up in blood led to death

A hospital launched an investigation yesterday after an inquest was told that an elderly man died after he was given blood of the wrong type.

Mr Fred Goodwin, aged 85, of Broom Acres, Sandhurst, Berkshire, suffered a kidney failure on November 11 after the mix-up of blood samples at Heatherwood Hospital, Ascot, the inquest was told.

Doctor Paul Urwin, a newly qualified doctor, admitted he made a blunder.

The East Berkshire coroner, Mr Robert Wilson, was told by Dr Urwin that he had been trained in an area with a high immigrant population where doctors were taught to identify samples using the date of birth because of the risk of confusion over similar-sounding names.

But in this case Mr Goodwin's neighbour in the hospital ward was also born in November 1900 which led to the fatal error.

Dr Edmund Hemsted, a pathologist, said Mr Goodwin had heart and lung trouble and the blood mix-up had been the "crowning glory". The coroner recorded that death was due to natural causes.

## More support among MPs for Nimrod warning system

A statement on the competition between the Boeing and Nimrod early-warning systems for the Royal Air Force will be made next week, the Commons was told during a debate on defence production and exports.

Opening the debate, Mr Robert Hayward (Kingswood, C) said that the defence industry played a major role in the prosperity of the country with employment in it running at 1,000,000 directly, and many thousands more jobs indirectly involved.

Annual turnover was expected to reach £7,000 million next year, with exports orders at £2,900 million, more than 5 per cent of British manufactured exports.

He moved that the House note the importance for jobs and exports of the British defence industry and welcome the Government's continuing support for the industry.

Mr Lewis Carter-Jones (Eccles, Lab) said that he wished to defend GEC's Nimrod, as opposed to the Boeing Awacs, as an early-warning system.

He was the only MP present who had flown Nimrod and used the equipment. If the Nimrod equipment were not utilized it would be an act of vandalism. The problem of screen "clutter" had been overcome. "We were able to identify individual targets."

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Deal with Mintoff on voting likely

Valletta - An agreement between Malta's ruling Labour Party and Opposition Nationalist Party on the workings of democracy on the island seems imminent...

Mr Mintoff appealed to Leader of the Opposition, Dr Eddie Fenech Adami, to accept, without reservations, a deal which the former prime minister had negotiated...

The most important reform in the "August agreement" is a formula whereby the political party obtaining an absolute majority of the popular votes in a general election will necessarily have a majority of seats in the parliament.

Since the last general election exactly five years ago today, in which the ruling Labour Party retained a majority of parliamentary seats while the Nationalist Party won a majority of the vote, there has been a serious constitutional and political crisis.

US-Turkey bases pact

Ankara - Turkey and the US agreed here yesterday to renew the Bilateral Defence and Economic Co-operation Agreement (Deca) after a year of talks since its expiry last December (Rasit Gurdilic writes). Under the agreement Washington has been maintaining electronic surveillance bases, an air base and numerous communications facilities in Turkey.

Mr Richard Perle, the deputy US Defence Secretary, who attended the final series of talks, said the agreement would be valid for five years from December 1985. Turkish negotiators were insisting until the last moment on a two-year term as a safeguard against further disappointments in connection with the military aid supplied as a result of the accord. Turkey has repeatedly expressed displeasure over frequent aid cuts brought about by the interference of the US Congress.

Russians walk out

Vienna (Reuter) - The Soviet delegation to the European Security Conference walked out yesterday when the US delegation asked for a minute's silence to honour the veteran human rights campaigner Anatoly Marchenko, whose death in a labour camp was announced this week.

The chief US delegate, Mr Warren Zimmermann was making a speech at the Hofburg Palace when he asked for the tribute. He was asked to resume after about 45 seconds and, when he refused, the Russians left accompanied by the Bulgarians as the minute ended. Both delegations returned to the hall later.

Brazilian strike fails

Sao Paulo - A general strike and workers' marches called by Brazilian Labour leaders yesterday to protest against government austerity measures failed to result in suspension of foreign debt payments failed to bring the country to a standstill, as union leaders had vowed (Mac Margolis writes).

Swedes ban sex clubs

Stockholm - Homosexuals protested on Thursday as Sweden announced the banning of private sauna and video clubs as part of a national campaign to stop the spread of AIDS (Christopher Mosley writes).

"This is a highly unfortunate decision," said Mr Kjell Rindar, a member of the homosexual civil rights organization, RFSL. "It is part of a wave of new morality and has little to do with the risk of infections. These clubs fulfil a valid social function and should stay open."

Rogers surgery

Washington (AP) - General Bernard Rogers, right, commander-in-chief of Nato military forces, was in a satisfactory condition on Thursday at Walter Reed US Army Medical Centre after surgery of an undisclosed nature. The general, aged 65, has commanded allied forces in Europe since 1979.



Abu Nidal man dies in air raid

Whitehall expressed concern yesterday over an Israeli air attack in northern Lebanon in which a top lieutenant of the terrorist leader Abu Nidal was killed.

The Foreign Office statement went beyond the routine reaction to Middle East incidents, which is to deplore all acts of violence. A spokesman said that the concern focused on the destabilizing effect of the bombing rather than on the death of the Abu Nidal man, who was one of nine people killed in the raid on Palestinian guerrilla bases.

Abu Nidal's Fatah-Revolutionary Council vowed in a statement issued in the Nahr el-Bared refugee camp outside the northern port of Tripoli to avenge the death of Muhammad Selim, Abu Nidal's commander in Syrian-controlled north Lebanon, by "striking wherever Israelis may be".

Five of the nine killed in Thursday's raid by eight Israeli fighter-bombers were Palestinians, police reported. The other four were Lebanese shepherds killed by a delayed action bomb an hour after the raid. Police said 21 people were wounded in the attack, the eighteenth on Palestinian bases in Lebanon this year.

Authorities said nine other people were killed and 30 wounded in fighting during the night between Palestinian guerrillas and Shia Muslim Amal militiamen. Sporadic gunfire interspersed by grenade blasts rattled around Beirut's Chaitilla and Bourj el-Barejneh refugee camps all night.

Demolition men defy the bailiff

Tension heightened between angry townspeople and police in the northern Spanish town of Riano yesterday when heavy machinery operators defied a judge's order to stop destroying houses.

The destruction was resumed less than two hours after a bailiff had delivered an order from a district court in the nearby town of Cistierna, immediately to stop all work related to the creation of an artificial lake, pending study of allegations of illegal expropriations.

A lawyer representing those affected, Señor Mario Saenz de Buruaga, told defiant townsfolk that the resumption of the demolition, with police protection, may constitute a new illegal act on the part of the administration.

The lawyer had already presented a criminal complaint against the civil governor of the province of Leon and against the chairman of the local water resources board for "usurpation, coercion, misappropriation and illegal expropriation".

The latest stay of execution, granted by the Cistierna judge, was supposed to have allowed time for him to study three petitions, incorporating new arguments presented by the lawyer.

Bank robber leads insurgents in tiny South American state

Rebels seize control in most of Surinam

From Christopher Thomas Paramaribo, South America

Several hundred rebel forces appear to have taken control of almost all of Eastern Surinam, the tiny former Dutch colony on the north eastern shoulder of South America.

Insurgents have attacked within 40 miles of Paramaribo, the capital, which remains in the iron grip of Lieutenant-Colonel Desi Bouterse, the country's left wing military dictator. A nationwide state of emergency has been in force for the past fortnight.

Two weeks ago rebels led by Ronny Brunswijk, a former army sergeant turned bank robber, overpowered the town of Moengo, 60 miles east of the capital and one of the main centres of bauxite mining, Surinam's principal industry.

The army maintains a heavy presence there, complete with machine gun nests around a vital airstrip. The army were at first driven out by the rebels, then in a pitched battle the insurgents were forced back, but not before putting the torch to several buildings. Moengo is now under a 6 pm-5 am curfew. It was the rebels' greatest triumph and a devastating psychological blow to the Government.

The insurgents, whose war began inauspiciously at 3 am on July 21 when seven men opened fire with rifles on a remote military post, last month attacked the eastern border town of Albina.

Out of fear that the residents were sympathetic to Ronny Brunswijk, the army evacuated virtually everybody and today Albina is described as a ghost town. On November 18 the residents arrived in Paramaribo and by all accounts it was a pitiful sight.

They were put up temporarily in the city's sports stadium, where 100 of them still remain under army supervision, hoping for relatives and friends to take them in. Some informed people believe Albina has now been abandoned to the rebels but nobody is absolutely sure. Access to the area has been cut off by the army.

In October the rebels struck the town of Patamacca, about 30 miles from Albina, where one of the two big oil plantations in Surinam is located. The factory and many houses were damaged or destroyed but, even worse, most of the plants were burned.

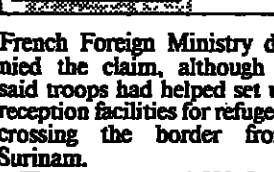
As a result, oil is scarce throughout the country. Many Surinamese have resorted to



Ronny Brunswijk, at the wheel, and a mercenary who is taking part in the rebellion against the government of Lieutenant-Colonel Bouterse. The rebels are believed to be in control of most of Surinam. Below, Ronny Brunswijk, the army sergeant turned bank robber who is leading the insurgents.

using hog oil. The Government has used the attack extremely effectively in anti-rebel propaganda on television and some foreign observers here say that Ronny Brunswijk may be losing some popular support, even though the Government remains widely disliked.

Mr Hendrik Herrenberg, the Foreign Minister, was quoted this week as warning that France could be planning an invasion from neighbouring French Guiana. The



French Foreign Ministry denied the claim, although it said troops had helped set up reception facilities for refugees crossing the border from Surinam.

There are now 4,500 Surinamese refugees in French Guiana and about 180,000 exiles in The Netherlands - Ronny Brunswijk's principal source of finance.

Clearly the French Government does not like what is happening in Surinam and

there can be little doubt that the rebels have at least their tacit blessing. Certainly Ronny Brunswijk seems to encounter no difficulty leaving Surinam via French Guiana whenever he chooses.

The Surinamese Government yesterday declared a holiday and called a mass rally in the centre of Paramaribo to protest about what it called French invasion plans. Banners were strung across the streets proclaiming "Democracy yes, terrorism no."

Government officials using loudspeakers repeated that France might invade imminently and urged people to unite in resistance. Judging from conversations with on-lookers however, it seemed that most people were sceptical. "It's a good day for the ice-cream sellers," one remarked derisively. Several hundred people were watched over by large numbers of soldiers.

Four years ago, in the early hours of December 8, Colonel Bouterse dragged 15 civic leaders from their beds, took them to Fort Zeelandia, a 17th century landmark where he has his headquarters, and had them shot.

There has been no voice of opposition since. By killing a few, Bouterse has terrorized the many. The army, bolstered to 3,000 men, is feared. A visitor is warned not to take photographs because that



means instant arrest. The only news disseminated here is via a government-controlled newspaper, TV and radio.

Outwardly Paramaribo is a calm, slow-moving town of 200,000 people, its shops full of bright clothes and furniture,

its cafes bustling and noisy. Nearly two-thirds of the population live here - a fantastic mixture of Creole descendants of former slaves, East Indians whose forebears came as indentured labourers, Javanese, Chinese, Europeans

and native Indians. About 10,000 bush Negroes, descendants of runaway slaves, live in jungle villages. Ronny Brunswijk, aged about 30, is one of their number.

But the effects of war are severely restricted. Car tyres and many spare parts are unavailable. Every day there are long queues for bread. Even milk is in short supply. But unlike the former British colony of Guyana, its western neighbour, there are no signs of hunger here. Thanks to bauxite, Surinam has enjoyed one of the highest standards of living in the area.

The Netherlands, Surinam's greatest benefactor since granting independence in 1975, cut off aid after the 1982 massacre, instantly depriving the Government of a quarter of its income. The United States followed suit in spite of the comparative prosperity. The situation has worsened sharply after the attack on Moengo, which forced the closure of the bauxite mine, throwing at least 1,500 men out of work.

Democrats revived by Iran arms affair

"The biggest mistake we can make is to view the Iran affair as a free pass to the White House," a leading Democrat said on Thursday.

Not even the most partisan Democrat could take delight in the President's plight, he added, because of the damage to American credibility around the world.

Former Governor Charles Robb of Virginia was speaking in the picturesque colonial town of Williamsburg, far from the hubbub of the Iran affair, to some of the party's most influential members. But despite his warning, he and fellow participants at a two-day conference were elated by their change in fortunes.

"After six long years in the political wilderness, the Democratic Party is resurgent. By contrast, the Republicans are virtually immobilized by the Iranian arms debacle."

The meeting of the Democratic Leadership Council (DLC) could not have come at a more critical moment in the party's fortunes. The Democrats have just won control of the Senate by a larger margin than even they foresaw. Their public backings have been stilled and their electoral platform is steadily being built on solid, coherent policies. And conservatism in America is now on the ebb.

Much of this revival was set in motion by the formation last year of the Democratic Leadership Council, a pressure group within the party that includes most of its likely presidential contenders: Senators Sam Nunn of Georgia and Joseph Biden of Delaware, former Governors Charles Robb of Virginia and Bruce Babbitt of Arizona, and Congressman Richard Gephardt.

Their aim was simple: to make the party more credible after Walter Mondale's crushing defeat by jettisoning the special interests baggage which bogged the Democrats down in 1984, concentrating on basic issues such as defence, economic growth and innovations in social welfare, and recapturing the political initiative from the Republicans.

It has been interpreted as a move to the right, an abandonment of liberalism - tough on defence, ruthless in paring the bloated welfare system, cool to the concerns of feminism and minorities. The Leadership Council prefers to speak of common sense and fiscal responsibility.

Washington View

By Michael Binyon  
And Democrats on the left see betrayal of the party's age-old ideal. Ann Lewis, National Director of the liberal Americans for Democratic Action, says that instead of stimulating debate, the group engages in a subtle form of party-bashing.

She accuses them of paying exaggerated court to business interests, ignoring the still pressing problems of social justice and the poor. Some say that in the search for the yuppie voter, the DLC group could lose touch with blacks, farmers, trade unionists and peace activists, who might form a coalition of discontent around Jesse Jackson.

Politics is about ideology, and the Democratic Party might as well fold up and go away unless it has the courage to present itself as forthrightly to the left of the Republicans, the liberal New Republic said recently. Robb and his friends disagree.

Politics is more pragmatic. It is about winning elections. When created last year, the Leadership Council was seen as a southern and western rump group. But since then its members have grown in stature. Sam Nunn, soon to be chairman of the influential senate armed services committee, is widely regarded as one of the best brains and most articulate speakers on Capitol Hill; Charles Robb overcame his label as LBJ's son-in-law to prove one of the most effective governors Virginia had for years. Both are considered natural running mates or even presidential candidates. But for the moment they are hiding any such ambitions under the party bushel.

The new centrists and the

Senators put the screw on Reagan

From Michael Binyon, Washington  
This ruling has never been publicly acknowledged, on security grounds. But Mr Larry Speakes, the White House spokesman, confirmed that the President did not inform Mr Shultz and several other top aides of his January 17 decision to sell arms to Iran.

Following the testimony of Mr William Casey, the Director of the Central Intelligence Agency, at closed congressional hearings this week, there were reports yesterday that he encouraged the secret 1985 White House initiative to Iran by providing his own intelligence evaluation, which supported Israeli claims that "moderates" in Iran were willing to open talks.

Mr Maneshr Ghorbanifar, the Iranian businessman involved in the arms deal, said in a television interview on Thursday that there were six arms shipments starting in July 1985, worth 2,000 anti-tank missiles valued at between \$30 million (£20 million) and \$35 million.

He said the money the Iranians paid for the arms was deposited in a Swiss account on the instructions of Colonel North and General Richard Secord, a retired pentagon officer. He said he personally had arranged the release of three American hostages in Lebanon following the arms deals.

Hondurans want to get rid of Contras over Iran arms deal scandal

From Alan Tomlinson Tegucigalpa, Honduras  
Between 7,000 and 15,000 rebels are at present being trained and equipped with \$100 million (£70 million) of US aid, but belief in Honduras that they can soon move forcefully into Nicaragua is a new low.

The Contras have never been able to sustain offensives inside Nicaragua and have staged no significant military operations in more than a year.

One Western diplomat observed: "I have not met a single Honduran at any level who says he thinks the Contras can succeed."

A Honduran official commented: "Even with the \$100 million, they don't have any possibility of remaining in Nicaragua."

Over the past 10 months, Nicaragua has moved the front line of the war into Honduras itself. In March, when US troops first assisted the Hondurans with an airlift to meet a Sandinista assault on the Contra camps, President Ortega of Nicaragua gave a warning that the border would no longer be respected.

Since then, Sandinista soldiers have maintained an almost permanent presence on the Honduran side. A Honduran Foreign Ministry official said that no fewer than 80 territorial violations had occurred since March, a fact Honduras kept quiet to avoid inflaming a tense situation.

Western diplomats say that, by ignoring the Nicaraguan presence, the Honduran army condoned it implicitly. "I have also heard there was communication between the Honduran and Sandinista military to avoid troop contact," one diplomat said.

The consequences of an eventual collapse by the Contras are beginning to weigh heavily on Honduras, particularly in light of the damage done to the rebel cause by revelations that proceeds from US arms sales to Iran were diverted to them.

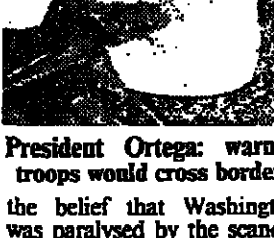
President Ortega warned troops would cross border

The belief that Washington was paralysed by the scandal and that Honduras would be too unsure of American assistance to confront Nicaraguan troops alone.

"They miscalculated," a Honduran official said. In response to Honduran doubts the US Ambassador, Mr Everett Briggs, had only recently given new assurances of military support in the event of a Nicaraguan attack.

US army helicopters airlifted local troops to the border last Sunday, after Honduras said that the Sandinistas had attacked three frontier posts.

The US assurances went so far as to agree that the Contras will leave Honduras and move into Nicaragua, perhaps as early as April. Honduran officials said, American officials denied this, declining to comment on recent meetings involving Mr Briggs.



Some Honduran officials fear that the Iran affair may lead to Contra aid being scrapped by a Democrat-controlled Congress, and even to a Republican defeat in the 1988 US presidential election.

"The worry is that the Americans will disappear and Honduras will be left holding a very nasty little baby," a diplomat observed.

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# Volley of self-criticism prepares Vietnam for shake-up in leadership

Vietnam is engaged in an orgy of self-criticism which may lead to important changes in its ageing leadership and policies at the Communist Party congress, which begins on Monday.

The party newspaper, *Nhan Dan*, can often be surprisingly candid, but the current 10-month campaign has lasted longer and been more far-reaching than any since the reunification of Vietnam, 11 years ago.

Some 45,000 party cadres around the country have been running the criticism sessions, which have pointed fingers at those in high places. Criticism has proceeded previous party gatherings, but this time it has been of such vehemence that it appears change must follow.

Mr Truong Chinh, aged 79, the head of government and leader of the party, said recently that party officials had been guilty of serious shortcomings and committed mistakes in economic leadership.

"The country's latent potential as well as the great assistance of the Soviet Union... have been seriously squandered and face the danger of being gradually exhausted," he said.

Mr Le Duc Tho, the silver-haired negotiator of the Paris peace accord, was equally outspoken in the party's monthly review, accusing party cadres of "corruption, bribery, smuggling and amassing riches".

But the congress, the first since 1982, is about more than merely the economy, important though it is as an indicator. Vietnam today finds itself with little to show for the past decade, either in economic or political terms.

The revolutionary heroes who turned back the French and the Americans are now old men who can now longer

From David Watts, Tokyo

provide the kind of charismatic leadership the country needs.

With Le Duan, the long-serving party leader, gone last summer, there are few men at the top with sufficient presence to carry the country forward economically or politically.

The recent attempt to make the exchange rate of the dong more realistic has backfired badly with inflation once again running out of control in an already moribund economy.

Even an attempt to remove subsidies had to be rolled back



Mr Truong Chinh: Officials made economic errors.

when the military and bureaucracy complained.

The Gorbachov era has well and truly arrived in Asia and Vietnam and its leaders find themselves out of step. Their occupation of Cambodia is no longer a particular feather in the communist cap.

It prevents economic aid and improved relations with not only Japan, which already has a number of trading companies poised for more business in Hanoi, but with other regional powers, which would

relieve some of the burden on Moscow.

The presence of Vietnamese forces in Phnom Penh is not only expensive since, the Soviet Union has to underwrite all the military costs, but does not improve Vietnam's standing in the non-aligned movement and much of the Third World.

While relations between the Soviet Union and China have inching forward, the Cambodia question blocks real change in the frosty relations between Peking and Hanoi.

Total Soviet aid to Vietnam has been estimated at a million dollars a day. The Russians, too, have been unhappy with a system that was so inefficient that sometimes their equipment lay rusting in crates for months.

Reform and regeneration of the leadership have been discussed for years but each time real change has been elusive, not necessarily for lack of ideas, but because of the rigid party ideology, structure and factional infighting.

Mr Chinh has been campaigning hard to become the true heir of Le Duan, but there are other potential successors who might bring fresher ideas. Among other senior cadres seen as potential party and government leaders are two men seen as pro-reform, Mr Nguyen Van Linh, and a former head of the party in Ho Chi Minh City, Mr Vo Van Kiet, whose elevation would mean a significant shift, since no southerner has reached the upper levels of the party since the end of the Vietnam war.

Another outsider is General Vo Nguyen Giap, the victor of the war against the French, who has been out of the Politburo since 1982 but is thought to have charisma and popularity among the army

# How South Africa's press curbs are working

## Through the censor, darkly

From Michael Hornsby, Pretoria

"Shall we put sport on the front page today?" quipped Mr Wilf Nussey, seasoned editor of the *Pretoria News*, yesterday at the 7.20 am editorial conference of the South African capital's evening newspaper.

"We are feeling our way, stumbling in the dark," Mr Nussey told his colleagues. "I can't give you any exact guidelines, but in general we want to avoid so far as is possible sending copy to the Bureau for Information for clearance as their basic reaction will be to say no."

Mr Nussey was describing the uncertain terrain in which newspapers and foreign correspondents here find themselves after the imposition of sweeping new press controls on Thursday as part of the state of emergency which has been in force since June 12.

The South African press is now subject to severe censorship, but it is censorship of a rather peculiar kind. The opinion of the censors about the legality or otherwise of a particular article is no more valid than that of the journalist who wrote it. Only the courts can give a final verdict.

The experience so far is that the officials at the Inter-Departmental Press Liaison Centre, which has been set up in the Pretoria offices of the Bureau for Information to handle press queries, are putting the most restrictive possible interpretation on the new regulations.

On Thursday, for example, Reuters newswriters were told by the centre to delete certain passages of a report which simply quoted leading articles criticising the new press measures which had already appeared in South African newspapers. Yesterday Reuters did not bother to submit its roundup of press comment for clearance.

In the late editions of Thursday's *Pretoria News*, Mr Nussey omitted his own strong front-page editorial comment and other local and foreign criticism of Pretoria, including parts of a leading article in *The Times*, which had been carried in earlier editions.

After consulting with the



Mr Anton Harber (top) and Mr Erwin Manoim, co-editors of South Africa's *Weekly Mail* which yesterday devoted most of its front page to Ministers' office telephone numbers.

paper's lawyer yesterday morning, Mr Nussey said he now believed he had "over-reacted" and that most of the omitted matter could, in fact, have stayed in the paper. "Our legal advice is that criticism of the Government, even vehement criticism, is still permissible."

This view seemed to be reflected in widespread criticism

Johannesburg (Reuters) — The British-born Professor Phil Bonner, a leading authority on South Africa's labour history, who was ordered deported last week, was freed from detention yesterday and his deportation order revoked. He had been allowed to make "personal representations".

Meanwhile, Johannesburg's evening newspaper, *The Star*, said in its early edition yesterday that it had submitted 20 reports for approval and had been refused permission to publish six of them.

The *Weekly Mail*, an outspoken liberal weekly, carried a large notice in a red border on its front page listing the telephone numbers of President Botha and his Cabinet ministers, and advising its readers to contact them if they wanted information about security force action, boycotts, the treatment of detainees, the release of any detainees, people's courts or township street committees.

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## Whites held as suspects

From Ray Kennedy, Johannesburg

South African security forces have detained two Swiss citizens suspected of working for the outlawed African National Congress, Mr R. F. Botha, the Foreign Minister, announced in Pretoria yesterday.

His statement came after reports of a series of raids by groups of armed men in Mbabane, capital of Swaziland, in which four people were abducted and a boy, aged 15, was shot dead.

Although Mr Botha did not name the two Swiss or say how they had been captured, sources in Mbabane identified them as Daniel Schneider, 29, and his girlfriend, Miss Corinne Bischoff, 22.

It was reported they were abducted by two blacks and a white who burst into their home near a golf course in Mbabane early yesterday and drove them off in a car with a South African registration.

# Budapest taximen in flag protest

Vienna — Budapest's taxi drivers have taken to flying black pennants from their radio aerials after the murder of one of their number by two Russian soldiers (Richard Bassett writes).

Mr Sandor Lukacs, a 52-year-old cab driver was confronted by the two after they had broken out of their barracks and wounded an innkeeper who refused to serve them drink.

The soldiers commandeered Mr Lukacs's car, beat him unconscious before stripping him naked and throwing his body into the Danube.

## Blast victim

Zaruz (Reuters) — Señora Leticia Iturain had her hands blown off by a bomb at the French car showroom she owns in this northern Basque town, police said.

## Police accused

Brussels (Reuters) — A policeman aged 33 has been accused of robbing an Anderlecht bank of £2,800 and wounding a man who tried to free a woman hostage.

## Matchless tax

Paris (Reuters) — The French Government plans to tax matches and cigarette lighters as part of an attempt to combat thousands of forest fires that devastate the south of France each summer.

## Cripple freed

West Berlin (Reuters) — Wolfgang Antes, 42, a paralysed former West Berlin official, sentenced to five years' jail for accepting £103,000 in bribes from city building magnates, was released because of his disability.

## Going home

Rome (Reuters) — Up to 5,000 prisoners could be home for Christmas after the Italian Parliament approved an amnesty marking the 40th anniversary of the founding of the Italian republic.

## Plotters out

Madrid (Reuters) — Two former Spanish army colonels, Luis Munoz Gutierrez and Jose Crespo Cuspintera, jailed for 12 years for plotting a coup to prevent the Socialist's election victory in 1982, have been released, military sources said.

# Atrocities inquiry opens in Kampala

From Our Correspondent, Nairobi

A five-man human rights commission investigating atrocities and other human rights violations committed in Uganda between independence in 1962 and January this year, when President Museveni assumed power, has opened hearings in the Ugandan capital Kampala.

Ugandans have been invited to give evidence of their personal experiences, or what they know about any abuses of human rights in the last 24 years, including the bloody regime of Idi Amin and the two periods when Milton Obote ruled Uganda.

Investigations are likely to last for some time and the members of the commission, which is headed by a Ugandan judge, will tour the country seeking evidence. The commission will pass the evidence to Uganda's Attorney-General to consider whether prosecutions should follow.

If any of the leaders, now in exile, who ruled Uganda during that period are found to be directly implicated in such human rights abuses, efforts will be made to have them extradited to face trial in Uganda.

Evidence about human rights violations allegedly committed by Mr Museveni's forces since he assumed power last January, especially during the campaign against anti-government rebels in northern Uganda, will be sent "through other channels" for investigation.

Some Ugandans who have

# Philippines ceasefire 'violated'

From Keith Dalton, Manila

Philippines defence and military chiefs yesterday accused communist rebels, who on Thursday marched heavily armed into a town near Manila, of violating the three-day-old ceasefire.

"It is very clear the other side is violating the agreement," Mr Rafael Ileta, the Defence Minister, told foreign business leaders.

General Fidel Ramos, the armed forces chief, said that he would not allow a repetition or "we will just have to take action the way it is spelled out in the ceasefire and safety agreements".

The November 27 accord grants only 50 rebels, directly connected with the peace talks, the right to bear arms. Any New People's Army guerrillas carrying guns in "popular areas" can be disarmed, according to the military.

But defending Thursday's deployment of about 80 fully-armed rebels in Samar, 20 miles west of Manila, left-wing officials said they controlled the town and the rebels had not violated the accord because no formal agreement existed on what constituted "populated areas".

The rebels' show of force, as well as three deaths, have placed early strains on the first truce in the 17-year war.

Government television said a civilian militiaman was killed and two others kidnapped on Thursday by suspected communist rebels in the northern province of Cagayan.

Rebels also were blamed for killing another militiaman the same day in the southern province of Davao del Sur in order to steal his rifle.

# Prison chief jailed Murderer paid his way out

From Alan Robinson, Mexico City

When Alfredo Rios Galeana, a bank robber and killer known as Mexico's public enemy number one, escaped from prison November 22, he gave the prison director 70 million pesos (£34,050) to look the other way, five recaptured convicts testified this week.

The prison director, Salvador Lopez Calderon, is now languishing behind the bars of Mexico City's southern penitentiary, which he used to run. Rios Galeana escaped with 13 members of his gang but, in his flight, left behind the five men later recaptured.

The group walked out of the prison and got into cars waiting outside. A prison guard has also been arrested for taking 150,000 pesos (£115) to allow weapons to be smuggled into the penitentiary.

The bank robber began his criminal career in 1978 when he was a police commander in the state of Mexico. He was the crack shot of the Mexico State Radio Patrol battalion and trained in unarmed combat and the use of explosives, having been and army sergeant before joining the police force.

The battalion, known as *Barapem*, was disbanded after Rios Galeana was discovered to be a bank robber. He disappeared and was not caught until 1981, when he promptly escaped from a prison in the state of Hidalgo. Between then and his recapture two months ago, the police believe he robbed about 20 banks.

Former *Barapem* members are worried that more of their erstwhile companions have turned to crime. "Rios Galeana was not the hardest man around," one said. "They believe that the bank robber will not be taken alive. Even if he surrenders, they will shoot him down. He took the training and the weapons and turned them on the people that put him at the top. The police won't forget that."

The five recaptured convicts are bitterly denouncing their former leader for "deserting us". They say: "If the police don't kill him, we will."

Meanwhile, the affair of the prison director has again revealed the corruption endemic to the Mexican prison system.

Wealthy prisoners occupy suites of several cells, luxuriously furnished, and have gourmet meals brought in. Former Mexico City police chief Arturo Durazo, on trial for extortion and arms stockpiling, has designed his quarters with the opulence he employed in building his giant mansion, known as "the pantheon," in the coastal resort of Zihuatanejo.

Prisoners with means can buy 24-hour "conjugal visits". Poorer prisoners often stay in jail for years without trial, although criminal trials should be over and done with in the space of a year according to Mexican law. Rios Galeana certainly has the money to live well in prison, but most doubt he will live as all if captured. In the four days that followed his recent escape, two large Mexico City banks were robbed. Police say they doubt he was responsible, but citizens — many of whom see him as a modern Robin Hood — believe otherwise.

# Free pill urged for teenagers in US

From Christopher Thomas, New York

A high-level study into teenage pregnancy in America has concluded that contraceptives should be distributed free or at low cost to teenagers. It recommends that teenagers should be encouraged to seek parental consent for abortions.

The National Research Council, a congressionally chartered body that comes under the aegis of the National Academy of Sciences, said the birth control pill was the "safest and most effective" contraceptive for teenagers. It proposed "aggressive public education to dispel myths about health risks for young women" on the pill.

It backed an extension of trials of school-based contraceptive clinics. It advocated that condoms should be widely distributed in places where teenage boys congregate and that new methods for distributing the pill should be explored.

The report, the result of a two-year study by a panel of 15 physicians, social scientists and public health experts, urged schools to give pregnancy prevention the "highest priority". While the issue of teenage sex might arouse "many deep-seated emotions and convictions", it said that aggressive methods were needed to cope with a problem that was not responding.

One million American teenagers get pregnant each year, almost half of whom give birth. A 15-year-old American girl is at least five times more likely to give birth than her foreign contemporary because of the lack of a coherent policy on the issue, the report stated.

The idea of school-based clinics has already aroused intense controversy in New York and elsewhere. For the past two years teenagers in New York City schools have been able to get prescriptions for contraceptives from school clinics without parental consent or knowledge. The scheme was recently extended for another six months, despite fierce parental protests.

Mr William Bennett, the Education Secretary, condemned the new report. "This is not the first time a prestigious-sounding group has advocated a dumb policy that will damage our schools and our children," he said. "I wish it had more wisdom and common sense." He said school-based clinics would encourage teenagers to become sexually active.

The report, *Risking The Future: Adolescent Sexuality, Pregnancy and Childbearing*, noted that teenage parents suffered severely-limited career opportunities and were more likely to become dependent on welfare. The National Abortion Federation raised the report, saying that teenagers had the greatest difficulty in obtaining abortions because of parental consent and notification requirements that varied from state to state.

Mr Hossein Kazempour Ardebili, the deputy Iranian oil minister, said last month that Iran hoped the gas would start to flow by mid-1987 although no price had yet been agreed.

Mr Katuchev said "solutions satisfactory to both sides" were reached at the talks, a session of the Standing Committee for Economic Cooperation between Iran and the Soviet Union, which had not met for six years. In addition to steel production, power generation, water projects and transport, Mr Katuchev mentioned petrochemicals as a new area of cooperation to be followed up in future contacts.

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# 'Irreproachable' couple in Swiss net

From Alan McGregor, Geneva

"Herr and Frau Hübner" who lived "a quiet and irreproachable existence" for 23 years in their Lucerne suburban house while receiving instructions by radio from Moscow, have received six-year sentences for spying.

The couple, pictured right leaving a court in Lucerne curing their trial, had West German passports in the name of Hübner. But they were in fact Czech-born Vladislav Karmazin, aged 65, and Rosemarie Müller, both East German nationals.

The Lucerne Criminal Court was told they had set up 15 dead-letter boxes in the woods around Lucerne from which material was collected by their "liaison officer", apparently an unidentified diplomat who has left the country.

The signs used to indicate which box was to be emptied were "a banana skin in summer and an empty soap-powder box in winter". The signal that a box should be visited was an empty cigarette packet left in a nearby telephone kiosk — the brand to be used indicated beforehand in a radio message from Moscow.

# Students go back in triumph

From Diana Geddes, Paris

Barely three weeks after it all began, and just four days after the Government's capitulation, French students have voted to call off their strike, go back to their classes, and disband their national co-ordinating committee.

Providing further proof of their maturity and good sense, the 350 delegates on the co-ordinating committee decided after more than eight hours' debate, not to extend their movement beyond its original aim — the withdrawal of the Government's university reform Bill.

"The dissolution of the co-ordinating committee is the symbol of our victory. It's a fantastic way of cocking a snook at the Government," a student explained.

Meanwhile, a few students have decided to set up a study group, dubbed the "matière grise" (gray matter) to reflect on the future organization and financing of the universities.

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A weekly guide to leisure, entertainment and the arts

It's the way they write them

The one about the comedy writer and the comic is no joke, as Bryan Appleyard discovered

Barry Cryer is speaking during a break in rehearsals for Russ Abbott's Christmas show. "We are hacks," he says. A happy, glazed look comes over the face of his partner Neil Shand, a sure sign that a gag is coming on.

"This pun for hire," murmurs Shand. Cryer guffaws, thereby encouraging Shand to follow with: "We shoot from the quip."

Comedy is a small world. Almost all variety show gags are turned out by a tiny freemasonry of perhaps eight men, usually working alone, sometimes in partnership. With Christmas round the corner, this cottage industry is working double time to fill the demand for one-liners, sketches and jolly mini-pantos.

This little Brotherhood exists to feed the voracious appetite of television. Broadcast comedy and variety shows consume material at a terrifying rate. Where once Max Miller could keep the same 20-minute spot going for 18 months around the theatrical circuit, now gag-writers see ten times that amount vanish in a weekend's viewing. So the primary qualification for admission to the Brotherhood of gagsters is an ability to improvise endlessly, and quickly, on the handful of basic formulae.

The key trick is to be unafraid of the blindingly familiar. For Russ Abbott, for example, Cryer and Shand had put together a mini-Sherlock Holmes pantomime. The character of Baskerville was played by a leggy lady in tights and high heels. The script had Abbott/Holmes muttering to Watson: "Are you sure Baskerville's a man?" In rehearsal, Cryer honed this to a desperately whispered: "I think I'm beginning to fancy Baskerville." A small dimension of gay innuendo was added and the gag was, as they say in the trade, "pointed". It's not great wit but it was on time and it slotted effortlessly into the Abbott rhythm. And above all, it works, just as it did 20 or even 50 years ago, evoking a few gruff guffaws from the usually unamused studio technicians. The truth is that in comedy there is nothing new under the sun. Or, as Shand puts it, "Woody Allen can substitute a psychi-



Once a pun a time on the box: comedian Kenny Everett plays it for laughs and passes up the limelight in favour of Neil Shand (centre) and Barry Cryer, two long-serving, hardened brothers of the light stuff

atrist for his mother-in-law, but it's the same gag."

The inner gag-writing ring are all hacks of a certain age. Most are in their fifties and share a common heritage of theatrical variety, cabaret and radio. Their cultural roots are in Max Miller, *Take it from Here*, *Much Binding in the Marsh* and Danny La Rue. In the Sixties they lurched uncertainly into television. Their stepping stone was *The Frost Report*, the first show to feature in its credits lengthy lists of writers. At that point, of course, they were the avant-garde, fearless satirists hell-bent on overturning the cosy world of show-biz.

Frank Muir, regarded along with Denis Norden as one of

the elders of the profession, recalls: "Before the war comedy writers simply did not exist. In those days Ted Ray might be appearing at the Palladium. Just before the show a taxi driver would pull up at the stage door and offer Ray a sheet of jokes. He would be given a pound and a pork pie in return."

But during the war a star was born in the form of Ted Kavanagh, who made his name as a writer for the radio show *ITMA*. The writer had at last made it on to the credits. For the first time a show was regarded as a writer's success. Subsequently the demand came from radio, which began to reveal the sheer quantity of material required.

Television variety, says Muir, began as shows in which comics were simply expected to turn up with their own material. But then the shows became produced as complete entities rather than randomly assembled items, and writers had to be hired.

Material began to pour in from all sides from aspiring hacks and, since nobody knew until the last minute what precisely was going into the show, the endless list of writers' credits was born: it was easier than working out precisely who had written what each week.

Meanwhile, being hell-bent on overturning anything was proving to be a chancy method of subscribing to the pension scheme and, as fearlessness went out of fashion, the fastest and most reliable of the survivors went on to produce more timeless material for the likes of Morecambe and Wise, the Two Ronnies, Cannon and Ball, Little and Large and Mike Yarwood.

These mainstream, high-rating comics provide the bread and butter for the Brotherhood. Watch the credits of their shows and the same names recur. And so do the gags, for these guys are dealing strictly in universals. Once topicality and satire are left behind all that remains is the human condition, and that means cock-ups, sex, drunks and mothers-in-law.

Bryan Blackburn, writer and associate producer of LWT's *Cannon & Ball*, recalls that writers and comics used to carry huge ledgers around with them. These would contain, in alphabetical order, headings of possible gag subjects - bow-legs, for example. Under each heading would be a series of handy one-liners. Thus: "She was so bow-legged, she could walk on both sides of the street at once."

This practice seems to have disappeared as no ledger could be large enough to satisfy the appetite of television. But the principle remains intact. You

start with a subject-heading and work from there. So Blackburn may urgently require material for the LWT show *Copcats*. He will ring up Spike Mullins, one of the Brotherhood, and ask for, say, six one-liners on the subject of Joan Collins. Next morning they will arrive to be delivered as if off the top of the head by one of the stars.

Speed and reliability is of the essence. Mullins does not respond by saying he is feeling a touch depressed and, indeed, Blackburn himself speaks proudly of the time he rushed back from his father's funeral to knock off a script for Jimmy Tarbuck while his guests consumed the baked meats downstairs. His latest feat has been a four-minute sketch for the *Cannon & Ball* Christmas show in the 35-minute train journey from Leatherhead to Waterloo.

Blackburn's acceleration was improved during the seven years he spent working in America, where he used to be phoned at two in the morning by Bob Hope asking for half a dozen one-liners on golf to be delivered at a lunch the next day.

But perhaps the best-known writer the industry has produced is Eddie Braben. Single-handed, he wrote 250 shows for Morecambe and Wise in 16 years, including the high-

est-rated variety show ever - an *M and W Christmas show* which drew 27 million viewers.

Braben's scripts emerged from his monk-like seclusion in Liverpool. He refused to visit the recording studios and always resisted any attempt to draw him into the gin and tonic world of show business - "I don't drink anyway."

He admits he was for a time the highest-paid writer in Britain. This is unusual as everybody else is distinctly coy on the subject of money. Somebody mentioned the average one-liner getting £25 but there is little doubt that once you are part of the inner circle, the rewards are high.

But Braben says that at any time there are only a handful of people who can put together a whole variety show - which may consume 20 ideas, as opposed to the one required for a successful sitcom. And he is convinced that nobody can write comedy properly until they are at least 40: "You've got to have seen everything in life, the good things and the bad things. These shows that have 20 writers each have to do that because there are so few people who can put the whole thing together." Braben himself is 56 and, sadly, has not written anything this Christmas.

BROTHERHOOD OF FUNNY MEN



A gaggle of laughs: Vesburgh, Blackburn, Mullins

Opinions vary about the precise composition of the Brotherhood: John Sullivan (*Just Good Friends*, *Only Fools and Horses*), for example, is regarded as one of the lads but his speciality is sitcom, not variety. The following, however, represent the core.

Dick Vesburgh: *Frost Report* veteran. Convicted Marxist - specifically Groucho - and renowned for his ability to provide material on the spot.

Barry Cryer: "A good old workhorse," says Muir. At his best in partnerships. Wider experience than most thanks to his own work as a stand-up comic.

Garry Chambers: Master of the one-liner. Entered the business as an Eddie Braben protégé. Used to sit in when Braben was writing for Ken Dodd, furiously making notes and learning the ropes. Wrote for Bob Hope on his English visits.

Charlie Addams: Along with Chambers, one of the main one-line-men and also

one of Hope's writers. A relative newcomer who has only taken to writing full time in the last few years.

Bryan Blackburn: Now the brains behind *Cannon & Ball*, a talent honed by seven years in American television. Has always combined writing with production work and is now associate producer of the show.

Eric Davidson: Gags with a London slant. "A bit blue," says Muir, but has a fine radio pedigree from his days writing for *Round the Horne* and *Beyond our Ken*. Man behind Mike Yarwood at his best.

Neil Shand: Exclusively employed by the BBC. A topical specialist, he thinks in terms of headlines, largely because of his Fleet Street background. Veteran of Spike Milligan's *Q&A*.

Spike Mullins: Master of the monologue after his work for Ronnie Corbett. "Brilliant, original-minded and a little eccentric," says Blackburn.

The industry's problem is that it is difficult to be sure who will succeed these late-middle-aged, hardened, professional funsters. On the one hand there is a superficial timelessness about the material which suggests it will go on appearing from somewhere more or less forever. On the other it is all very obviously rooted in the theatrical and radio traditions from which the current writers sprang. Russ Abbott's spoof pantomime, for example, is based on the assumption that the audience knows the panto conventions.

From within the Brotherhood there are two distinct reactions to this problem, depending on the degree of paranoia involved. John Junkin, for example, who is currently working on Mike Yarwood's show for Thames, simply says he is not aware of the newcomers or who they might be. Cryer, however, draws parallels between his development from *The Frost Report* to Kenny Everett and the likely route to be taken by the writers of *Spitting Image* or the performers on *Saturday Night Live*. He can even identify the new wave in terms of the past.

"Ben Elton is a sort of latterday Arthur English with his line of patter. Rik Mayall is the new Max Wall and Ade Edmondson is Norman Wisdom all over again," he says. "And these guys are often getting a tougher theatrical training. Ben Elton does a two-hour spot in the theatres. Max Miller would never have done more than 25 minutes."

Generally, the *Spitting Image* team, led by John Lloyd, Rob Grant and Doug Naylor, are looked upon as the likeliest successors to the comic crown. But their shows still rely on the jokes relentlessly sent in by polytechnic students slaving away and dreaming of greatness in their digs. If every professional gag-writer died tomorrow, this steady flood would still allow some kind of show to be put together.

The top names as a whole believe that the new wave will have to snap out of its youthful satirical role and move into the mainstream. For the pure, clear flow of popular comedy is felt to remain the same from one generation to the next. It is a process which Muir, who is currently into his sixth year of work on the *Oxford Book of Humorous Prose*, believes has gone on for a good 500 years. "The surface texture changes," he says, "but the underlying themes remain the same."

The truth of this is demonstrated by the fact that if you ask the hacks to tell you their favourite jokes, they are not so much funny as exemplary. Too familiar to provoke

a guffaw, they encapsulate a timeless view of the world.

So Blackburn speaks nostalgically of the line from a Mullins monologue written for Ronnie Corbett about a relative who died at Custer's last stand. He wasn't in the fight, he just went along to complain about the noise. Meanwhile John Junkin still

giggles about little Johnny, who told the teacher he had not written anything for the farm project but he would do some farmyard sounds. Invited to proceed, he yelled: "Get off that bloody tractor." Well, suit yourself, it's the way they tell them.

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Blowing in tourists from the winds of war

Something has gone very wrong in the main concourse of the airport. It is full of people, but there is hardly a woman in sight, nor for that matter anyone over 40.

It is also peculiarly quiet, not just because there are very few announcements coming over the Tannoy, but because there is a total absence of those urgent airport-lounge conversations that blend into a muted clamour.

But the airport is dry, as will be the aeroplane. No bars, no duty free, nothing. For this is RAF Brize Norton, and the destination is Mount Pleasant Airport in the Falkland Islands, with a refuelling stop at Ascension. You're in the Army now.

Aboard the RAF Tristar, the young soldiers remain utterly silent, as if in some shared bereavement; no sooner have they snapped on their seatbelts than they start commencing with their fat paperbacks - Deighton, Higgins, Wilbur Smith. No stewardess, no pilot's blandishments through the intercom; instead, a no-nonsense loadmaster who appears in the cabin and barks: "There will be two films: FX and Police Academy Three, on which you will be briefed later."

Eight hours later we touch down in the small hours at Ascension Island, where we are confined for 90 minutes in a wire compound; nothing to do except listen to the listless talk of the American troops stationed here, and watch the dawn flash up like lightning behind the barrier of hills on the east of the tiny spot, hills toxic with gadgetry - masts and lights and saucers and stranger shapes.

Eight more hours to Mount Pleasant. This really is a swine of a journey, and recalls all those long vertical maps of May 1982, with their scales and arrows, and projections of the Task Force's progress. I came here with the intention of writing about anything save

With the Argentinians swept from its shores, the Falklands is preparing for new invaders - package holidaymakers.

Alan Franks writes from the battlefield

the war, but to make no mention of it would not only be difficult, but verging on the dishonest, for had it not been for General Galtieri's attempt at hegemony four-and-a-half years ago, I would not be here this week. The RAF's single-plane shuttle between Brize Norton and Mount Pleasant has a monopoly on access to the Falklands, and they are now admitting tourists to the flight - at a price.

One of the very reasons the Falklands are offering themselves as a holiday destination is the late conflict; call it morbidity if you will, or romantic nostalgia, but the British can always be relied upon to savour the rubble of their own military actions. There are rich pickings here. I am writing from the large guest house in Port Howard on West Falkland, one of those tiny scatter of homes which acquired such mock-heroic and overnight fame during the Argentine occupation.

It seems more adamantly English than England by virtue of its very distance. The hall panels have a walnut veneer, on which hang heavy bold fire extinguishers and a display case of polished tinware. Up in the attic stands an old HMV radiogram which

opens from the top, a pile of dusty company ledgers, and a stack of Huntley & Palmers biscuit tins.

The bedrooms have bright Persian carpets set down over slightly bubbly green lino; the beds have headboards, and the stairs have stair-roads. Down in the drawing room the World Service is speaking soberly from the radio, with its distinctive hollow signal. Then on comes the signature

'An internal vastness of rugged hills'

tune of Housewives' Choice from the local station in Stanley. The pins on the plug are round and the books on the shelves are mostly from Blackie, the Children's Press or World Books, usually costing 16 shillings.

From the next room come the strains of an incredibly out-of-tune upright, going through what generally is the entire repertoire of the News Chronicle Songbook. For all the world we are back in another post-war island. Except for a couple of important things: there is peat smouldering in the fire grate,

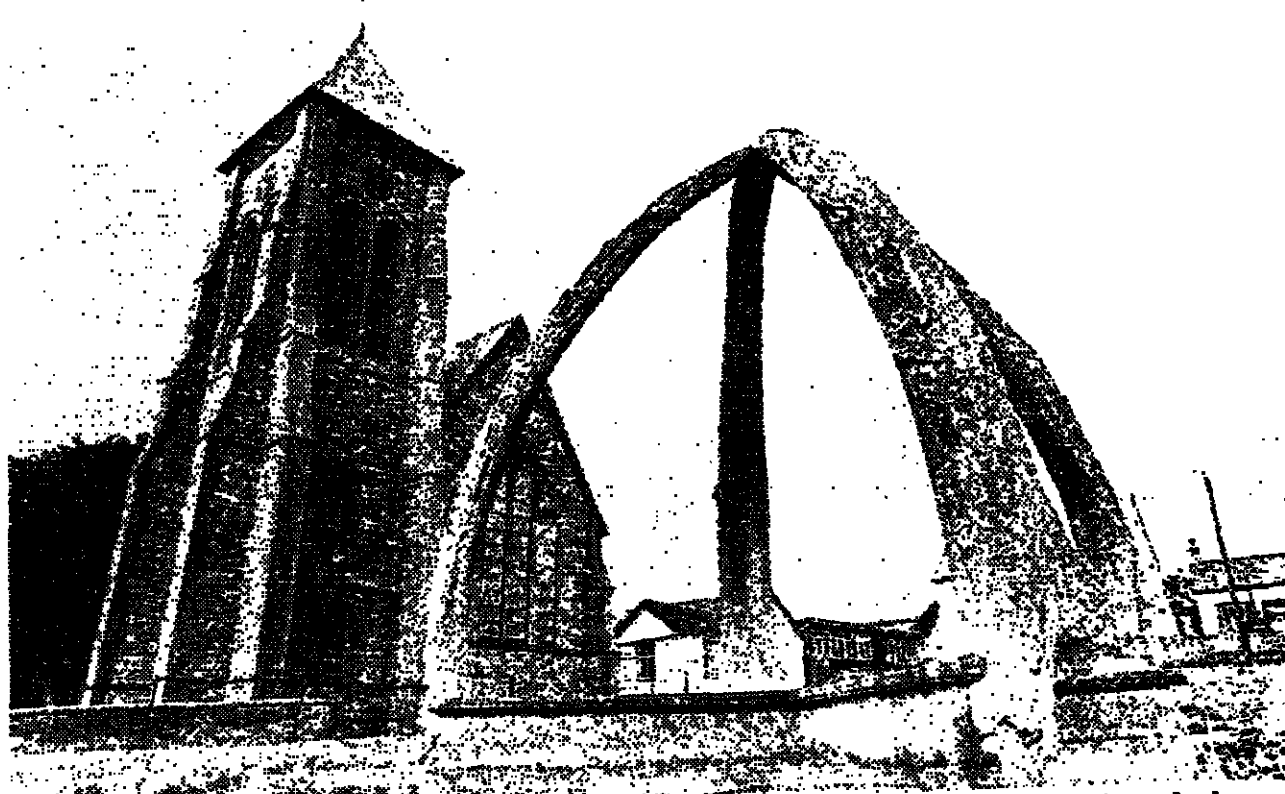
and up to my left on the flock wallpaper hangs a peculiar object - three long strands of twined leather, each one attached to a weight the size of a cricket ball. This is a boleadoras, a device developed by the gauchos of Argentina to throw at horses' feet and bring the creatures down. The surprises do not end here: outside on the grass lies the mutilated corpse of a Mirage fighter, plus two rusting 105mm field guns, as if guarding the little hut behind them. On the door of this is a notice saying War Museum; as you enter, the first thing that strikes you is another sign, this one reading Puerto Yapeyu, which was Port Howard's enforced change of name for those two months of 1982.

I arrived in the Falklands a week ago and, having been astounded at the size of the new airport, took the much improved road that runs the 40 miles east to the capital, Port Stanley. For all the traumas of the 1982 war, it has brought nothing but good to the islands' infrastructure.

En route, I passed quite large areas enclosed by barbed wire, some five or six acres in size, which at first glance seemed to be plots for plantations. That would make sense, since the islands are as treeless as Shetland. As I came closer, I noticed vivid red boardings overlaid with a skull and crossbones, and the words: "Keep Out. Unexploded Mines."

Stanley itself is much as it was during the war, and there is not a great deal more to be said about it. The main difference is that it is now reverting fast to a demilitarized zone as the last troops decamp from their floating accommodation, or "coastals", to the Mount Pleasant garrison.

My last night of it was at the Town Hall late on Saturday night, the scrag end of a dance. Three couples were swaying around the large empty floor to the sound of an unamplified guitar, and a group of soldiers were sitting drinking beer at the counter table, with forelocks pulled down across their foreheads to com-



Tower of strength: the Cathedral at Port Stanley with its giant whale jawbone, a stark contrast to the town's wooden houses

pensate for the shortness of back and sides.

The following day, before taking a plane out to the remote Sea Lion Island way off to the south, I just had time to visit Bluff Cove and a fiercely independent competitor called Kevin Kilmarin on his 30,000 acres. During the hostilities he had helped out 2 Para by ferrying ammunition, under fire, on his tractor to their positions.

This is fine country for serious walkers, or yompers, although the very best part of the islands for such things is a straight, sudden range of hills called Wickham Heights, which bisects East Falkland from Mount Challenger, 10 miles west of Stanley, to Mount Osborne, a similar distance north of Darwin.

From the window of the tiny Islander plane, the Falklands become, far from the dot-on-the-seascape they were depicted as early in the war, a country with its own internal vastness of rugged hills and blanketed peat.

The Islander feels as if it is landing at a speed of zero knots, so strong is the headwind, on a field with a furious windsock and bits of corrugated iron laid down to mark the runway.

On the way to the brand new Sea Lion Lodge hotel, you pass one of the loneliest cemeteries in the southern hemisphere - a tiny triangle

of blue palings, protected from the sheep by an outer perimeter of barbed wire. Inside is the grave of Susan Whitley, a lover of this island, who was killed during the Stanley bombardments.

The island is owned by Terry and Doreen Clifton who, until the arrival of the new lodge, were the sole inhabitants. During the invasion they hitched a lift to North Arm on the mainland with a lone Australian sailor, ignoring deterrent signals from "a huge ship with four funnels" - clearly the Belgrano. They tell the story in that distinctive but elusive

'The sky and land animated by a thousand dramas'

accent of the Falklander, which sounds like a hybrid of every colonial influence you can think of.

On Sea Lion Island the animals upstage the people (which makes a change for the Falklands), and I wish I could find a more original way of saying that it is a naturalist's paradise. At the narrow strand which joins the island to its western peninsula, the entire sky and the land beneath it become animated by a thousand little dramas. A few yards in front of me, a ruddy-headed goose,

one of the classic hams, is playing decoy and pretending to have broken her wing so that I should chase her and not her new brood of young.

Countless penguins, mostly gentoo and rockhopper, are clustered in groups while the skuas overhead hover and swoop. The whole scene is a cross between Dunkirk and the aftermath of a reunion dinner at White's - little chaps staggering about helplessly in their DIs. The skuas are after the penguins' eggs, and there seems no way they will be denied them; the imbalance between the military capabilities of the two species is huge. Yet somehow, every time this fearsome flying machine (no wonder we name a missile after him) dives into their midst, one of them manages to catch him a nasty peck on the neck, and he leaves empty-beaked.

All the while, in the middle distance, the shapes of elephant seals are labouring their way towards the tussocks of grass on the higher ground - giant slugs in a gym. The baby seals here put on weight at the rate of 20lbs a day, until their bodies are so blown up that their flippers cannot touch the ground.

From out in the Camp (meaning countryside, from the Spanish campo), Stanley acquires the bustle of a metropolis, which is precisely

what it is to those many Falklanders who have never cast foot outside the islands. It is rich in a plant life peculiar to the Falklands (pale maiden, silver leaf, ranunculus, balsam-bog, tea ranny, and many more); the plants and flowers often make a successful transition to English soil.

Tonight I return to the human animal kingdom, drinking with the new governor, Gordon Jewkes, at the Upland Goose, Stanley's Savoy; then it's back to Mount Pleasant for the dry flight, the two movies, and a happier band of soldiers.

Memo to the RAF: At £1,100 each way, you are changing too much for these flights, particularly when you often have 100 empty seats on the Tristar. Winning the war is one thing. Winning customers is quite another.



TRAVEL NOTES

A number of travel companies are offering package holidays to the Falkland Islands. Priced at around £2,400 for 16 days inclusive, these tours take in a short stay in Port Stanley plus visits to Sea Lion Island, Port Howard and Pebble Island. Full details can be obtained from Silvia Green, Falkland Island Tourism Information Service, 126 Wetherby Road, York YO2 5BY (0904 645548).

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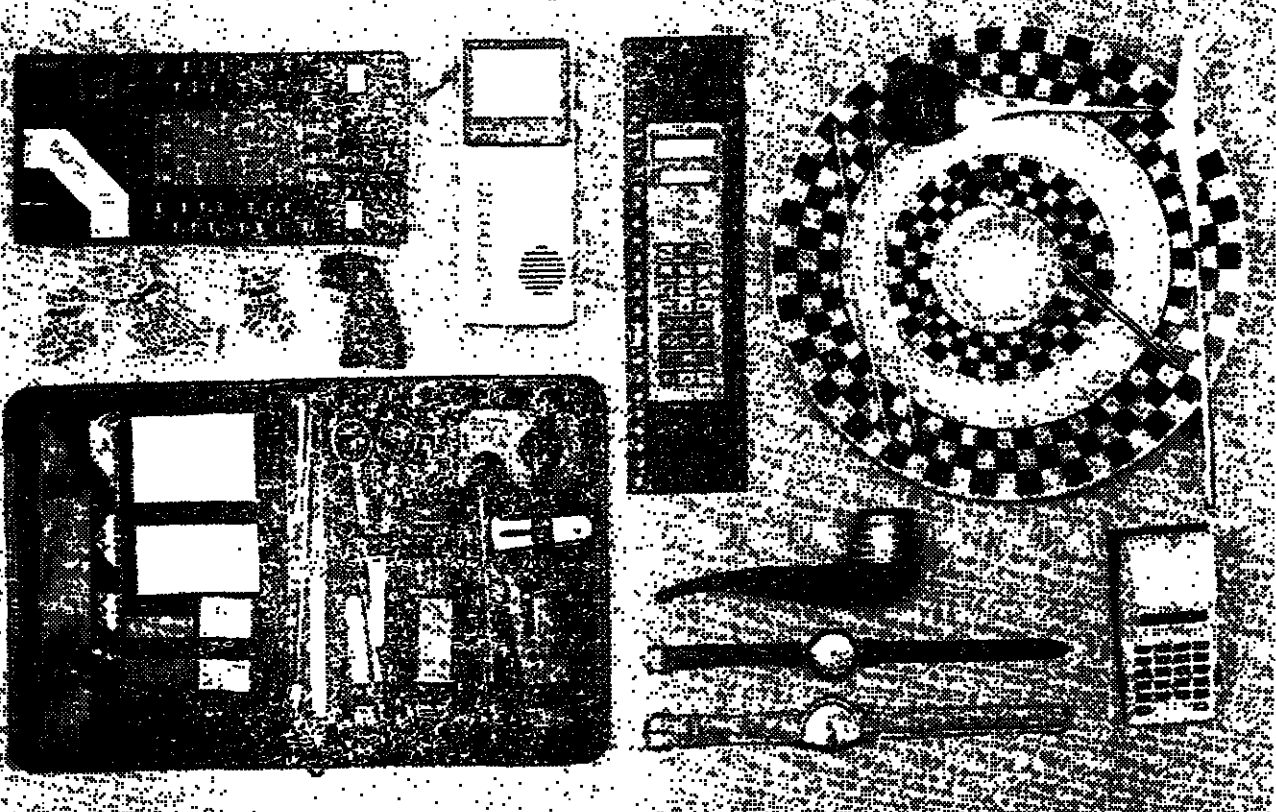


CHRISTMAS PAST (back row): Tintin book, £4.95, The Courran Shop, Fulham Road. Complete novels of Charles Dickens in one volume, published by Hamlyn, £35, Liberty, Regent Street. Pierrat marionette, £39.50, Fortnum & Mason, Piccadilly. Hobby horse, £24.50; lace cushion, £29, cushion made from old kelim, £30.10, all from The General Trading Company, Sloane Street. Front row: Traditional teddy bear, from £17.95, Harrods, Knightsbridge. Clown musical box, £31.95, Fortnum & Mason. Pooh bookends, £18.45 per pair, The General Trading Company. Penny Post red/black leather money box with lock and key, £19.95, Presents, Sloane Street. Cake snowstorm paperweight, £4.95, The Courran Shop, Fulham Road; country cottage musical box, £16.95, Fortnum & Mason; rag doll, £43, The Courran Shop



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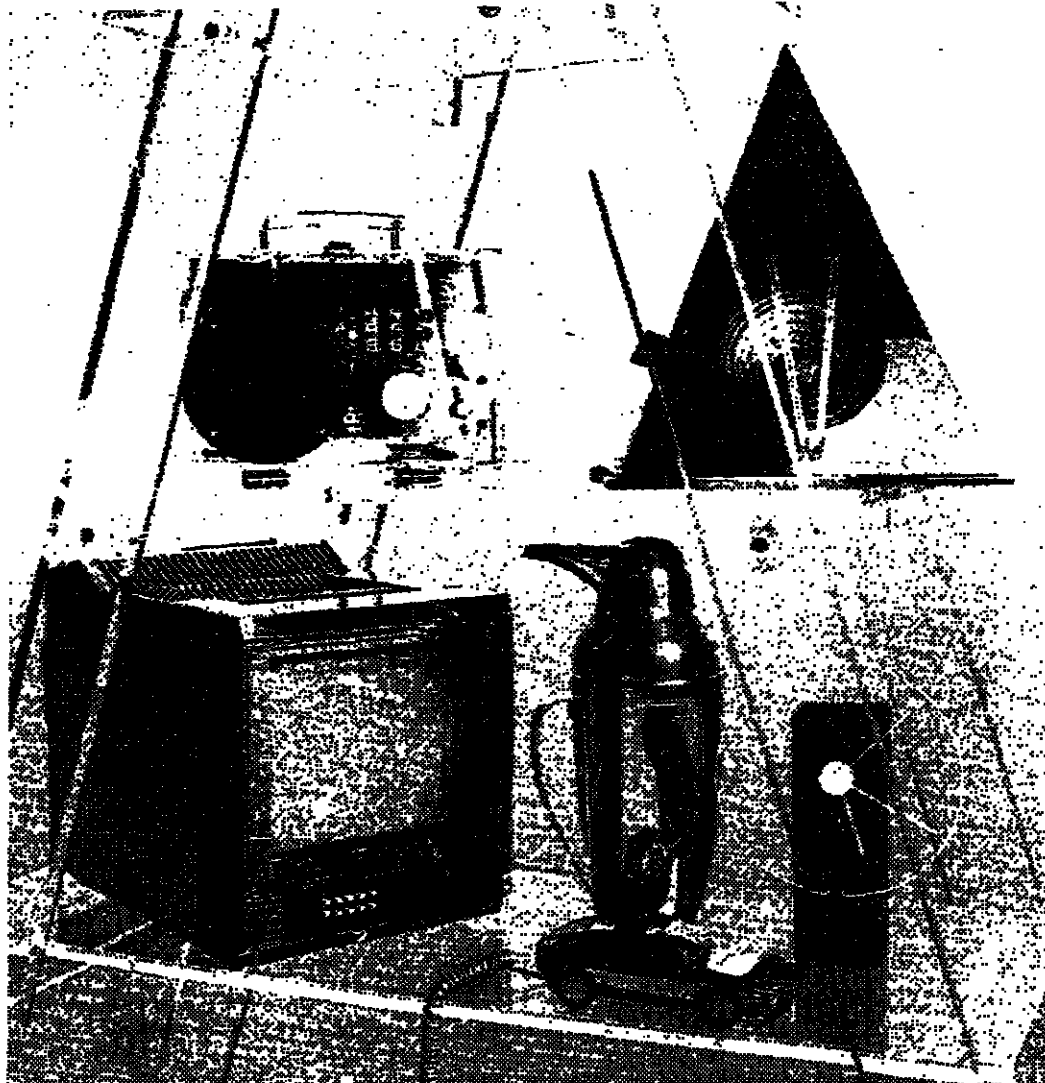
# Christmas past and presents



CHRISTMAS PRESENT (top row): Computerised backgammon set, £59.95, Liberty, Regent Street; Sony Watchman mini TV, £139, Harrods, Knightsbridge; solar cell calculator in ruler, £14.90, FFW, Newburgh Street; chequered china dinner plate, £13, cup with saucer, £12.50, The Courran Shop, Fulham Road; gourmet cutlery place setting, £120, FFW, Centre; Scottie dog diamond brooch, £69; ear rings, £58, both from Monty Don, Beauchamp Place; panther lighter, £19, FFW; leather travelling stationery set, £29.95, Presents, Sloane Street; Porsche design, black/titanium carved pipe, £100, from The Porsche Shop at Harvey Nichols, Knightsbridge. Sector Armees watch with hinged case, £467 (above) and Jean D'Eve half-moon watch, £595 (below), both from The Watch Gallery, Fulham Road. Car-shaped calculator, £13.25, Presents FAR RIGHT: top shelf (left) Perspex radio, £295, Presents, Sloane Street (right) black acrylic pyramid radio, £180, Ligne Roset, 130 Shaftesbury Avenue, W1. Second shelf: Loewe colour television with chrome case, £465, Harrods, Knightsbridge; silver-plated penguin-shaped cocktail shaker, £295, The Courran Shop, Fulham Road; silver-coloured Porsche-shaped telephone handset, £32.95, and black and white clock, £20.75, both from Harrods. Acrylic blackpladder, £531; for stockists contact MW United (tel: 01-222 1543)

Choosing presents which you know will please is an art in itself. To avoid this yuletide problem, try dividing your list of recipients into two groups - those who favour the spirit of Christmas Past and those who are more switched on by Christmas Present. For the former, there are sleigh-loads of delightful reminders of days gone by. For the others, there are sackfuls of hi-tech wizardry, upbeat ideas and well-designed necessities. Here is our selection of hand-picked presents, which can be bought on your shopping expedition of the stores in our London guide.

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Surviving Christmas shopping in London calls for a strategic campaign. Sore feet, short tempers and wasted fares can all be saved by confining your search for seasonal fare, goodies and gifts to a single area.

From dozens of alternatives, we've picked six locations each with a flagship store for general requirements within strolling distance of more specialist satellite shops in the belief that, rather than limiting your scope, one-stop shopping may turn this annual marathon into a thoroughly enjoyable day out.

**PICCADILLY**  
Fortnum & Mason, England's grandest grocer, offers hampers from £15 to £550 - but it's just as much fun choosing individual F&M specialities to fill your own goodies basket (empty wicker hampers are sold in the basement). Shop, too, for stylish hats and leather goods (second floor), china and glass (basement) and stationery (third floor).

Not far away, Hatchards bookshop is also in Piccadilly. Round the corner in Jermyn Street, Czech & Speake stocks soaps, fragrances and body oils while Floris has its own toiletry range plus old-fashioned scented sprays and shaving tackle. More valet equipment can be found at Geo F. Trumper while Oggetti offers fashionable design-conscious items. Anyone looking for edible presents, particularly cheese, will find a visit to Paxton & Whitfield rewarding.

**REGENT STREET**  
At Liberty, there's a gift-wrap service in the Emporium (basement) where it's only too easy to while away your shopping day fingering gifts both pretty and practical. Shop at Dickens & Jones, next door, for clothes and fashion accessories and at a Body Shop branch, off Great Marlborough Street, for soaps, shampoos and nicely-packaged bath-time treats.

Not far away, in Newburgh Street, FFW stocks a selection of well-designed accessories from calculators to cutlery. Back in Regent Street, Santa visits Hamleys' fifth floor daily until Christmas Eve. Opposite the world's largest toyshop is the tiny Knickerbox boutique selling only, as implied, men's and women's briefs.

**FULHAM ROAD**  
At the South Kensington end, the Courran Shop has some wonderfully witty ideas among its imaginative, practical and "tasty" presents - even a chocolate explosive which shoots out 10 mini-gifs, £26.

A few steps away there's Whittards with unusual teas, fresh coffee beans and yuletide fare; the Sleeping Company selling stylish bathrobes and bed linens; Oggetti for trendy personal accessories while next door, the London Lighting Company is crammed with illuminating thoughts. The Watch Gallery specializes in analogue time-pieces from Rolex to Flipper fun watches with inter-changeable straps. Diverimenti stocks masses of kitchenware while Paperchase offers stationery and stocking fillers.

**KNIGHTSBRIDGE**  
Harrods' motto, "All Things For All People Everywhere", neatly sums up the store's capacity. Even so, it's probably best to limit yourself to a few relevant departments rather than trudge round its entire 22 acre shopping area.

Turn left from Harrods' front entrance for the bijou shopping street, Beauchamp Place, with its modern jewellery and china shops or turn right for the Scotch House and Harvey Nichols. As well as clothes, both stores sell plenty of fashion accessories. Close by, Brompton Arcade has some interesting specialist shops including Camilla Hepper, which sells nicely old-fashioned toiletries and the Italian Paper Shop, with its attractive marbled stationery.

**OXFORD STREET**  
In Selfridges' grotto (third floor), 14 animated scenes tell the story of the Wizard of Oz, with Santa visiting daily until December 23, while a Dickensian-style street (fourth floor) sells Christmas decorations.

Selfridges' personalized services include T-shirt printing (third floor), on-the-spot engraving (basement), embroidery initialling (first floor) and "print-a-gift" for leather goods, cards and pencils on the ground floor; there's also a gift-wrap service (first floor).

Cross Oxford Street and pass Bond Street underground station to reach car-free South Molton street with its jewellery shops like Rocks, Butler & Wilson and Michaela Frey and fashion shops including Browns and the Joseph trinity.

Present sells charming chocolate Santas while Gray's Antique Market, at Davies Mews, comprises dozens of mini-shops offering some delightfully individual silver and old jewellery.

Turn left from Selfridges' main entrance for the tiny lane, Gees Court, where Mulberry Company sells covetable leather bags, belts and briefcases. Gees Court leads into paved St Christopher's Place with fashion and specialist shops like Under Two Flags, a quaint model soldier shop.

**SLOANE SQUARE**  
Well-known for its ground-floor china and glass department, Peter Jones also sells kitchenware (basement), clothes and fashion accessories (first and second floors). Shop in the ground-floor gift department for photo frames, tablemats, lacquer and brassware.

Presents has some whacky trifles from weird clocks to crazy china. The General Trading Company also sells delightful nonsense along with traditional and trendy gifts including jewellery, toiletries, china, kitchenware, toys for children, lovers and executives, edible presents and gifts for gardeners.

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THE ARTS

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CONCERT  
Lontano/Martinez  
St John's

It sounds infinitely pleasurable to be Maurice Ohana, but maybe the option is rather on the soft side. The music is gentle, inviting, and picturesque, evidencing Ohana's long French residence in its echoes of Debussy and Messiaen, yet having a water-colour washiness and a closeness to the distant past that could suggest almost any shore of the Mediterranean. Ohana can invoke Ovid or flamenco, Greece or Islam, within a world of generally slow, tonally indecisive melodic rhapsodizing that is undeniably his own.

One just wishes, at the end of a whole programme of his music, that the vision were more detailed, that the imagination had been made to work a little harder, that there were not so many undulating lines wandering lazily in unsurprising rhythms through — however beautiful — textures.

Satyres — a duet for flutes taking place, one would imagine, a little later in the fawn's afternoon — was languorous in

this way, but short. Two later instrumental pieces covered more ground by using both of Ohana's characteristic types of movement, the idling andante and the toccata: separately in two excerpts from the *Etudes d'interprétation* for piano and percussion, then unfolding one another in *Kypris* where Ohana's concentration on colour effects rather than counterpoints produced an effective quartet from the unlikely ensemble of oboe, viola, double bass, and piano. Paul Roberts answered the challenge in these works of making the piano into a euphonious and versatile percussion orchestra.

The final and biggest piece was the Mass for voices, percussion, organ, and a robust quintet of reeds and brass, in which Odaline de la Martinez conducted the BBC Singers and the Lontano ensemble, with Françoise Kubler and Linda Hirst as the soloists.

Though designated by the composer as suitable for liturgical use, this seems a celebration of older gods than Christ, in its stark, bright chords, its peasant keening from the pair of soloists, and again its lapping, effortless atmospheric indolence.

Paul Griffiths

DANCE  
Royal Ballet  
Covent Garden

When *Young Apollo* was first presented by the Royal Ballet in November 1984 there was well-deserved praise for the score which Gordon Cross had developed using a short, youthful piece by Britten as its starting point; for the imaginative and beautifully-shaped choreography by David Bintley; for the three fine backcloths by Victor Pasmore and for the way all those elements came together.

There was just one snag, but that a big one. At the final rehearsals it became clear that the many solo entries for the title role, which had been manageable separately, were going, when brought together, to exhaust Mark Silver to the point where he could only struggle through the ballet by not really doing justice to the dance.

Bintley's solution for the present revival has been to share out the role among three men, one for each movement of the music, which show the separate stages of the growth into godhead. The transitions work smoothly, but unfortunately this remedy has not really had the desired effect.

In each of two casts, some passages work better than before. The still unknown boy is sketched with some energy by Ashley Page but his power soon tails off. Antony Dowson in that same section is more even but less inspired.

Silver manages rather well in the central section, where *Apollo* first tries his art, coached by the goddesses; Stephen Beagley, however, much less so. Phillip Broomhead and, even more, Jonathan Cope, lead the finale quite powerfully. But there is still a lack; the movement does not grow as it should and there is no commanding presence to focus the physical or emotional patterns.

John Percival

Irving Wardle witnesses a mighty performance by Anthony Hopkins

THEATRE

King Lear  
Olivier

One of the most painful moments in this fine David Hare production comes when the already-poisoned Regan (Suzanne Berish) fixes her eyes on Edmund and makes the anguished appeal: "Speak truth". One veteran liar is appealing to another, in small hope of getting anything more than another lie.

This is not a concept production. It is a clean, impassioned exercise in theatrical narrative. But one thing it does reveal is the extent to which *Lear* consists of such appeals, from the king's opening question to the funeral interrogations on the battlefield.

Apart from Hayden Griffin's three giant sky-cloths, the stage is bare and there is no attempt to build up any visible image of Lear's Britain. What the show does build up is a moral world: beginning in an atmosphere of fixed values where the old hierarchy is accompanied by assumptions of loyalty and affections of the blood; all of which are then perverted and denied. It is not only Lear who feels the earth sliding away from under his feet.

This is not a process that lends itself to the exhibition of villainy. If there is a weak performance it is Douglas Hodge's Edmund, who presents the standard figure of a fresh-faced grinning young Machiavelli. From that beginning there are no more discoveries for him to make, and he simply pursues an unobstructed career to the top as the means by which other characters undergo misfortune and corruption.

Otherwise the production presents a journey in which everybody is changed. Conell and Regan clearly have no villainous plot in mind. They know their father's weaknesses and fall in with his requirements for the sake of a quiet life.

One of the great excitements is to witness the sense of power gradually dawning on them. Anna Massey is left shaking with terror after his first curse, while Suzanne Berish responds to similar treatment by suddenly snapping and driving him bodily

Passionate grounds for appeal

Donald Cooper



Madness made man: Anthony Hopkins and Bill Nighy

across the stage, then standing in amazement at what she has done. Every such change is precisely articulated and given time to swing the action into a narrower circle of hell.

The centre of the show is jointly occupied by Lear and Gloucester. Everybody knows that the sub-plot duplicates the main plot. What is uncommon is to have both sides presented in equal focus. Michael Bryant's Gloucester has nothing like the weight of

Anthony Hopkins's Lear, but this is a question of the separate styles of the characters rather than their relative importance.

Gloucester, physically mutilated, escapes mental destruction; and he belongs to the world of reason. He, rather than Lear, is the philosopher of chaos, where Lear is its prophet.

Bryant's performance, from his tenderly loving first scene with Edmund through to his

blind walk to Dover, brusquely shaking off Edgar's protecting arm, projects a cycle of disillusion, agony and resignation no less emotionally piercing than Lear's. If there is one sublime moment it is in their reunion, with Lear hugging his old acquaintance, parting his head and finally remembering his name.

Hopkins's Lear is stupendous. As you would expect, it is of the veteran oak rather than withered aspen variety. At the opening he is still full of vigour and, in abdicating, he is giving up something real. The body is bent forward in hurry and the voice hoarse with years of command. As he ascends into spirals of rage it takes on almost the sound of a megaphone. For all his lack of pomp, he is clearly an impossible man to live with.

Hopkins regularly breaks the fine endings and his delivery consists of short, forceful hammer blows conveying both the power of the man and the short-windedness of age. As the performance proceeds this has the effect of isolating its crucial turning points; as in the "Hear Nature" speech, when he addresses the goddess as one of his menials, or, unforgetfully, at the end when the five "nevers" are sobbed out, each an elegy in itself.

I could have wished for a better partnership than he has with Roshan Seth as the Fool, an unsmiling, hectoring companion who spits out the advice with head-on directness instead of with the obliqueness of a licensed clown.

The storm scene is only partly successful. It contains a marvellous moment when, at the instant that Lear's reason cracks, the thunder falls silent and the stage is bathed in clear, calm light for the prayer and tribunal. Offset against this is the strenuous see-saw between storm effects and text which earlier nullifies the scene in spite of Hayden Griffin's displays of scudding clouds.

Costume, which mingles robes with modern French rainwear and soldiers kited out in yellow jumpsuits and sombreroes, is an eccentric distraction. Novelities with more to recommend them are Bill Nighy's treatment of Poor Tom as a lapsed Osric, and Basil Henson's Malvolio-like Oswald.

TELEVISION

Last night's *Arms* (BBC2) was very much a party political broadcast on behalf of the artist Gerald Scarle. Written, presented and directed by this suave failed banker, it was a self-indulgent documentary on his own sometimes spoofing terms. "I feel that I present a bland mask to the world," he said at one point and his self-portrait turned out to be a caricature of his blandness. Pleasant and interesting enough maybe, but without the bones, tissue and guts of his best work.

After blanching at Scarle's black and white depictions, it is hard to imagine *Romani* Reagan as anything other than Mickey Mouse or Nixon as a mound of rotting meat. After watching the hand behind the pen for an hour, one was left with the image of a man with Kensington House stibble and a big BMW who drove round asking former employers why they thought he was a genius. Naturally, they came over as amusingly unimpressed. Richard Ingram said he was the only person who would do something really savage and Peter Cook did an impersonation of Macmillan.

Not that Scarle was any more revealing about his un-

doubted genius. Reclining on a chesterfield in a large white studio, he rambled unremarkably about not knowing whether "I'm an artist or a banker deep inside me".

His most lucid confession was that he was a romantic. "The distance between what I want to see and the reality I know is there — that's what I'm drawing the gap."

Anthony Wall's production was enlivened by some witty Pinteresque drama sequences of Scarle's early asthmatic existence; also by Scarle's scintillating cartoon films. Less successful was the great man's illustration of his own life in the studio. At the end, when he flung pots of paint over all the signposts and crossroads he had drawn, one's first thought was "What a mess", and one's second, "What a waste of paint". Very latent indeed was the hunch that this was a memorable, significant, Whistlerian statement.

The worst aspect of *Allo 'Allo* (BBC1) is not its tastelessness but its absolute lack of humour. While it is no doubt possible to write a funny comedy about Hitler (*The Producers*) it just seems unforgivable to do it badly.

Nicholas Shakespeare

ROCK

Southside Johnny and the Asbury Jukes  
Town and Country

As Graham Parker and Q-Tips would no doubt attest, the white soul revue is a formula that is loved by many but bought by few. Bruce Springsteen sells more records in a day than Southside Johnny Lyon has sold in the 11 years since he formed the Asbury Jukes with Steve Van Zandt, but seeing the eight

Jukes take the stage with limber ease one did not get the impression that this was a team that backed losers.

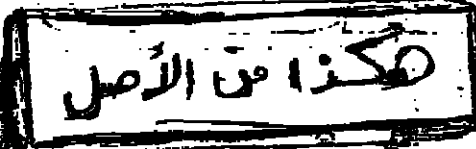
A version of the Dusty Springfield hit "I Only Want To Be With You" that owed more to The Tourists' arrangement was not a promising way to start, and highlighted Lyon's problem as a non-songwriter: the choice of suitable material. Similarly, The Drifters' "Up On The Roof" and The Four Tops' "Walk Away Renee" were shoehorned into unseemly shapes by Lyon's throaty singing which lacked the finesse required by such songs.

But when he locked into the high-energy Springsteen raver "Talk To Me", there was a magic in the air that is rarely translated on to record. The horn section of Joe Kaminski (trumpet), Bobby Ferrel (trombone), and Joey Straw (saxophone) broke into an incandescent sequence of trilling fanfares and nothing was left to stand in the way of a great night's entertainment.

David Sinclair

**UNIQUE GIFT**  
Every artist has a special gift. For many the gift is their talent. For some it is their style. For others it is their personality. For still others it is their imagination. For the artist, the gift is their art. For the collector, the gift is the artist's work. For the viewer, the gift is the artist's vision. For the world, the gift is the artist's legacy. For the future, the gift is the artist's dream. For the past, the gift is the artist's memory. For the present, the gift is the artist's life. For the universe, the gift is the artist's love. For the soul, the gift is the artist's truth. For the heart, the gift is the artist's passion. For the mind, the gift is the artist's wisdom. For the spirit, the gift is the artist's faith. For the body, the gift is the artist's strength. For the senses, the gift is the artist's perception. For the emotions, the gift is the artist's feeling. For the intellect, the gift is the artist's knowledge. 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REVIEW New Stones and old gems



ROCK RECORDS

New Model Army: The Ghost of Cain (EMI EMC 3516) The Rolling Stones: Dirty Work (Rolling Stones CBS 86321) Run DMC: Raising Hell (London LONLP 21) Big Audio Dynamite: No 10 Upping St (CBS 450137 1) Cameo: Word Up (Club JAHN 18)

JAZZ RECORDS

Duke Ellington: The Blanton-Webster Band (RCA/Bluebird 5659-1-RR, 4 discs) Charlie Parker: Bird at the Roost Vols 1-3 (RCA/Savoy WL 70541/70825/70831, 5 discs) Frank Sinatra: The Voice/The Columbia Years 1943-52 (CBS CSX 40343, 6 discs) Wynon Marsalis: J Mood (CBS 57068)

producing an exhilarating second album, No 10 Upping St, but Cameo wrapped up the whole thing with Word Up, an album that integrated all the latest nuances of rap, hip hop and streetwise funk with suave soul, a polished rock finish and classy humour.

Paul Simon's superb Graceland prompted a surge of international interest in the work of black African musicians, while Peter Gabriel, who has long been in the business of appropriating sounds, rhythms and inspiration from African music, capitalized handsomely with So.

In a year of mega-releases by Queen, Genesis, Madonna, the Police, Eurythmics and Springsteen, it was hardly surprising that Richard Thompson's Dangerous Adventures should have been buried at birth. But it was still a plangent and incisive album by an artist who deserved, if not the sales, then at least the kind of critical accolades that were heaped with such abandon on Elvis Costello's two disappointing releases.

David Sinclair

Prize buffoonery

PAPERBACKS

It Was a Dark and Stormy Night, compiled by Scott Rice (Abacus, £2.95). How to Become Ridiculously Well-Read in One Evening, compiled and edited by E.O. Parrott (Penguin, £2.95)

"The dark can be scary, thought Todd, if you're young, impressionable, intoxicated, out of gas, naked, and are forced to sit on vinyl seats." That sentence was one of more than 10,000 entries in the Bulwer-Lytton Fiction Contest, organized by a dangerous and irresponsible wit who is the Professor of English at San José State University.

Altered states

CLASSICAL RECORDS

Webern, Berg, Schoenberg: Works for string orchestra Junge Deutsche Philharmonie (Gulke) (EMI EL 16 9588 1) Kurtág: Messages of the late R.V. Novossiova, Scenes from a Novel Csengery, other musicians (Hungaroton SLPX 12776 - black disc)

It is a stimulating programme of adaptations that the keen strings of the German national youth orchestra offers. All three works came about in the late Twenties as a result of a suggestion from the publisher of Schoenberg, Berg and Webern that orchestral versions would help propagate their string quartets.

Paul Griffiths

a dark and stormy night; the rain fell in torrents - except at occasional intervals, when it was checked by a violent gust of wind which swept up the streets (for it is in London that our scene lies), rattling along the housetops, and fiercely agitating the scanty flame of the lamps that struggled against the darkness.

The winner, offered a fellowship not to write, wrote: "The lovely woman-child Kaa was mercilessly chained to the cruel post of the warrior-chief Brust, with his barbarian tribe now stacking wood at her nubile feet, when the strong clear voice of the poetic and heroic Handsomas roared, 'Flick your Bic, crisp that chick, and you'll feel my steel through your last meal'."

The world is full enough of terrible books that one has to read in the line of duty, without inviting the punters to write the rubbish deliberately. Parrott's parodies and literary encapsulations, written by professionals, are much funnier and more useful, enabling you to get through the gist of Eng. Lit. at a sitting, if you can stop laughing long enough to read.

Philip Howard

the medium but not the idea: the version for symphonic strings takes advantage of the extra richness and finesse.

Berg's way of making the change was more simply to select three movements from his Lyric Suite that already seemed latently orchestral, while Schoenberg offered an oddly unconvincing, straight transcription of his Second Quartet. The effect is to domesticate an original work that lives at the bleak edges of musical experience.

The new Kurtág record happily coincides with the Arts Council touring recital of his music. Messages has already appeared on a record vital for the Britwistle on the other side, but the still more fragmentary Scenes are newly recorded.

Paul Griffiths

SIR LAURENS VAN DER POST celebrates his 80th birthday today. Read the work of this remarkable writer, mystic and explorer in paperback in Penguin. Watch out for Testament to the Bushmen, presented by Sir Laurens van der Post, on BBC TV in the New Year.

HERMAN WOUK INSIDE, OUTSIDE. An absorbing saga of the 'Inside' of tradition and faith... and the 'Outside' of the American Dream... By the author of The Winds of War. £3.50

CHESS

The value of true leadership

An Olympic team consists of six players a side, but even more important than the role of any one individual is the part played by the team captain. Loss of morale through the feeling that the captain is not giving his players the highest priorities can lose valuable points.

England is fortunate in having David Anderson, OBE, as the leader of our squad. He has been in charge since 1972, and in the Olympics of 1976, 1984 and 1986, under his expert guidance, our team has won respectively the bronze, silver and silver medals. The team's latest performance at Dubai firmly places us in the world number two slot, behind the Russians (USSR 40 points, England 39%, USA 38%, Hungary 34%).

White: John Nunn; Black: Andrei Sokolov. Sicilian Defence

BRIDGE

Close shave victory

The Four Continents tournament, which preceded the Minihoop Marathon in Rotterdam, was a spectacular success, despite the last minute defection of Brazil.

In the first round, the Netherlands defeated Israel 21-9 VPs, while Indonesia beat Canada 22-8 VPs. Then a dull set of boards provided tight victories (16-14) for the Netherlands over Indonesia and Israel over Canada. With few match points changing hands, this deal proved decisive in the clash between the leaders.

Black resigns. There is no good recapture. A dashing win by John Nunn. Raymond Keene

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uncomfortable discard in the process. Manoppo decided to part with a spade, armed with an accurate count, the Dutch pair extracted the maximum.

The Netherlands went on to win the event by the narrowest margin. The Netherlands 56 VPs; Indonesia 55 VPs; Israel 36 VPs; Canada 33 VPs. The Indonesians took their revenge in the Minihoop marathon with a clear-cut victory over a quality field.

Jeremy Flint

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THE WEEK AHEAD



CONCERTS ATLANTIC CROSSING: Leonard Slatkin got his first chance to conduct in Britain when he replaced the indisposed Sir Adrian Boult. That was 12 years ago, since when he has become one of the few Americans to head a major American orchestra (the St Louis Symphony) and made many other visits to Britain, notably for last year's American Festival. He now conducts the London Symphony Orchestra in the Dvorak Cello Concerto and Tchaikovsky Symphony No 6. Barbican Centre (01-628 8796), today, 7.45pm.



THEATRE COUNTRY MATTERS: Cheryl Campbell made her name in the Dennis Potter television serial, Pennies From Heaven, and went on to play Vera Britain in Testament of Youth, but she has recently been more active on the stage than the screen. She has the title role of the wanton spouse tempted away from her husband by London high life in William Wycherley's Restoration comedy, The Country Wife, in a new production by Nicholas Hynner. Royal Exchange Theatre, Manchester (061-833 9833). From Wednesday.



RADIO YAROO: Billy Bunter and his Greyfriars chums made a memorable television series a few years ago but have rarely appeared on radio. Now comes an adaptation of Billy Bunter's Christmas Party, the fifth of the 38 Bunter books penned by Frank Richards, in which the Fat Owl of the Remove invites his pals to celebrate the festive season at his uncle's mansion. One of the advantages of radio is that Bunter can be played by an actor, Hugh Thomas, who weighs in at a mere 9½ stone. Radio 4, today, 7-8.30pm.



OPERA DISAPPEARING ACT: Arthur Davies, the best element in Covent Garden's Travata recently, returns to the English National Opera for The Diary of One Who Disappeared. Paul Crossley plays the challenging piano solo in what is reckoned to be the first professional staging of Janacek's song cycle in Britain. It shares a double bill with the same composer's David (Fate) in the acclaimed production by David Pountney, who also directs Diary. London Coliseum St Martin's Lane WC2 (01-836 3161), from Friday in repertory.



GALLERIES PUBLIC VIEW: Gerald Brockhurst left London for America in 1939 following revelations of an affair with a teenage model and died nearly 40 years later at the age of 88. He was an outstanding draughtsman and during the 1930s he was Britain's highest paid society portrait painter. His picture of the Duchess of Windsor (above), done in 1939 and not previously seen in public, is included in the first comprehensive survey of his work for 50 years. Graves Art Gallery, Surrey Street, Sheffield (0742 784780), from today.



ROCK HIT SQUAD: Robert "Kool" Bell leads the most successful American chart group of this decade. Kool and the Gang have had more US hits in the Eighties than Michael Jackson, Prince or Dire Straits. A Washington journalist described their show as the kind of spectacle that would result "if Steven Spielberg were to produce a combination of Sixties soul revue and Eighties funkathon". Wembley Arena (01-902 1234), tonight and tomorrow; Brighton Centre (0273 202881), Tuesday; NEC, Birmingham (021-780 4133), Friday.

CONCERTS MESSIAH SERIES: The Stobson, conducted by Harry Christophers, offer five closely-spaced chances of hearing Handel's Messiah this week. The first is at 7pm tonight in the Sheldonian theatre, Oxford, the rest at St John's, The Stobson, with only 18 choral voices and an orchestra of 17, present intimate baroque-styled interpretations of Messiah as a sacred oratorio, not as a heavyweight concert piece. St John's, The Stobson, 10-11.30am, 1.30pm, 7pm, 9.15pm. Tomorrow, 3.15pm.

THEATRE NORTHERN BALLET: Two more performances of Swan Lake given Wed with Sirley's Young Apollo and MacMillan's Ballet de la Reine. Covent Garden (01-242 1066).

RADIO A-HA: Scandinavia's answer to the Bay City Rollers may be audible above the screams from the stalls. Tonight, Royal Concert Hall, Nottingham (0602 472328); Mon for six nights, 7.30pm, 9.15pm. Hamersmith Odeon, London W6 (01-748 4081).

OPERA NIGHT MUST FALL: Margaret Tzack is the threatened invalid, Daniel Webb the psychopathic killer, in Emlyn Williams's 1935 thriller, revised by the author and directed by John Dove. Greenwich (01-858 7755). Preview Today. Opens Mon.

TELEVISION GLOBAL REPORT 1986: Hopes and fears for world peace expressed by an Irish captain with the UN in Lebanon, a Belgian pilot flying F-16 bombers for NATO, an Innu of Labrador and a Kampuchean grandmother who spent the summer in a refugee camp in Thailand. BBC2, Wed, 9.25-10.50pm.

BRETTON MENAGERIE: Normally inventive and humorous sculptures on animal themes sited in a landscaped park. Yorkshire Sculpture Park, West Bretton, nr Wakefield (0924 85261).

CONCERTS BERTINI/LSO: Gary Bertini's turn to conduct the LSO, in Tchaikovsky's Symphony No 5 and Brahms's Piano Concerto No 1, where the soloist is Krystian Zimerman. Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-528 3191). Tomorrow, 3.15pm.

ROCK KAGEMUSHA (1980): Veteran Akira Kurosawa's mastery epic of civil war in 16th-century Japan, told with vivid images and magnificent spectacle. BBC2, today, 10.05pm-12.50am.

THEATRE THE JESUS AND MARY CHAIN: The gloomy avenger-garde stars with the riotous following. National Club, London NW6 (01-528 5141). Mon and Tues. 8pm.

OPERA EASTBOURNE: Peter Pan: Bonnie Langford plays J. M. Barrie's little boy who would not grow up. Congress Theatre (0323 36363), opens Wed.

TELEVISION APARTHEID: Ambitious four-part, spread over two evenings, which attempts a dispassionate history of the black-white conflict in South Africa from its origins in 18th century colonisation to the troubles of the present day. ITV, Mon and Tues, 9-10 and 10.30-11.30pm.

FILMS OPENINGS EXPLORERS (U): Two boys build a spacecraft and travel to the outer limits, only to find aliens raised on American TV. An uneven fantasy, directed in 1985 by Joe Dante.

CONCERTS JACOBSON/BALL: Two masterpieces for two pianos, Stravinsky's Concerto and Messiaen's Visions of Arcturion, are played by Julian Jacobson and Andrew Ball along with the London premiere of Cascan's Salamandra. Wigmore Hall, 36 Wigmore Street, London W1 (01-935 2141). Mon, 7.30pm.

ROCK IGGY POP: The reformed Iggy would like a hit record and has decided, at this late stage, to take up singing. Bridon Academy, London SW9 (01-826 1022). Wed and Thurs.

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OPERA ROYAL OPERA HOUSE: Mozart and Handel this week: one last Zauberflöte on Mon (7pm) with Siegfried Jerusalem and Karita Mattila; and on Tues and Thurs (7pm) Samson. It only just makes it as opera, but things have looked up since Roger Norrington took up the baton. Cast includes Carol Vaness (Dailia), Robert Tear (Samson) and Sarah Walker (Michal). Covent Garden, London WC2 (01-240 1068).

TELEVISION NIGHT MOVES: Arnie takes to the road for a celebration of the long-distance lorry driver and reveals a culture and camaraderie built on vast breakfasts and CB radio. With special music by Ian Dury. BBC2, Fri, 9.30-10.30pm.

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CONCERTS THE WINNER: William Stephenson, winner of the 1986 Tarento Lud Award, plays Beethoven's Piano Sonata Op 28, six Debussy Preludes, Liszt's Valée d'Obermann and Dante Sonata. Wigmore Hall, Wed, 7.30pm.

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OPERA MISALLIANCE: Shaw's conversation piece on broken bridges across the generation gap. Too many words but some great lines and a biplane that crashes on stage. Barbican (01-628 8795).

TELEVISION ROUND MIDNIGHT (15): Bertrand Tavernier's loving homage to jazz musicians, set in Paris during the 1950s; with Dexter Gordon as a saxophonist befriended by an idolizing Frenchman. Lumiere (01-836 0691). Screen on the Hill (01-435 3366), Gate Notting Hill (01-221 0220).

FILMS BOOKINGS ROYAL BALLET: Postal booking open for Sleeping Beauty and La Fille mal gardée. Feb-March. Personal/phone booking from Jan 2. Also Young Apollo, Beauty and the Beast and Giselle (Feb 2-7). Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London WC2 (01-240 1066/1911).

CONCERTS GALA FOR CHILDREN: The first London performance by Sadler's Wells Royal Ballet of Peter and the Wolf, a new dance created by Covent Garden star Stephen Jeffries, Margaret Barberi in Pavlova's Dragony solo, appearances by Wayne Sleep and the Jiving Lindy Hoppers are among the attractions of a gala, tomorrow, for children and their parents in aid of one-parent families. The 6pm curtain-rise is also planned for families. Sadler's Wells (01-278 8916).

ROCK ALFREDO "CHOCOLATO" ARMENTEROS: Once Machito's featured soloist, the majestic Cuban trumpeter is accompanied by some of London's best salsa musicians. Tonight, Bass Club, 1 Hoxton Square, London N1 (01-729 2476).

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OPERA THE TOSHIBA GALLERY: The V&A's facillit continues with the opening of Japanese Art and Design in Room 45, renovated and air-conditioned courtesy of £350,000 in sponsorship. Victoria and Albert Museum, South Kensington, London SW7 (01-589 6371).

TELEVISION CONTEMPORARY BRITISH WOODCUTS: A recent return to expressionist figurative painting has seen a revival of woodcut printing. Apart from Michael Rothstein RA, the contributors here are young and include Lee Grandjean, Eileen Cooper, Stephen Campbell and Tony Bevan. City Museum and Art Gallery, Foregate Street, Worcester (0905 28836) from today.

FILMS LAST CHANCE JEAN-PAUL BERGER: Photographs by French freelance photographer from Viva Agency in Paris, who has been working in London since 1986. Ends Thursday. Galerie Matisse, Institut Français, 17 Quersberry Place, London SW7 (01-589 6211).

CONCERTS ROYAL BALLET: Peter Wright's production of The Nutcracker, with Rozhdstvenyky conducting, is

ROCK GEORGE MELLY: Frith Street's now traditional Christmas and New Year knees-up features the proprietor's quintet sharing the bill with the rebeldy of Britain's favourite blues-singing art critic. Tonight and Mon-Sat, Ronnie Scott's Club, 47 Frith Street, London W1 (01-438 0747).

THEATRE AL GREY/BUDDY TATE: Mainstream masters of trombone and tenor saxophone. Tonight and Wed, Pizza Express, 10 Dean Street, London W1 (01-438 8722).

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CONCERTS ANNETTE PEACOCK: The focus of an expanding cult, Peacock (who once sketched piano pieces for Paul Ble) now sings her challenging post-feminist ballads with a quiet insistence that can be chilling. Tomorrow, Ronnie Scott's Club, 47 Frith Street, London W1 (01-438 0747).

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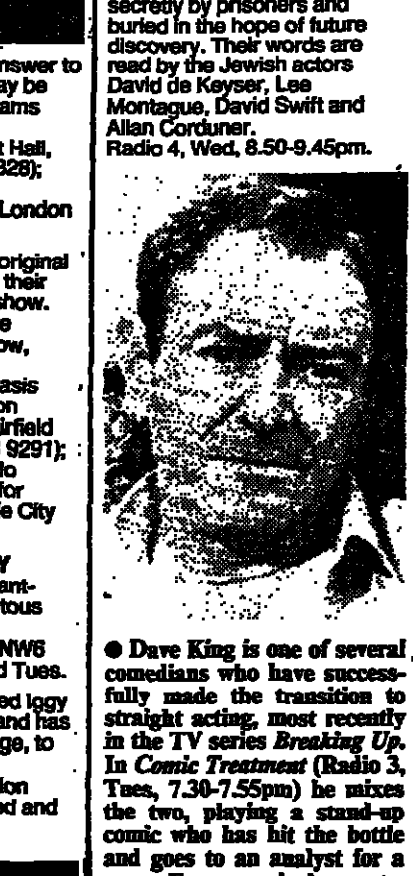
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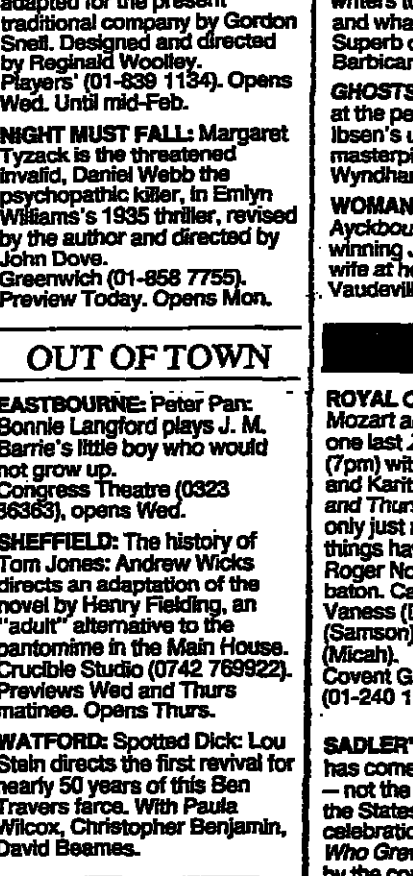
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COMEDY Dave King is one of several comedians who have successfully made the transition to straight acting, most notably in the TV series Breaking Up. In Comic Treatment (Radio 3, Tues, 7.30-7.55pm) he makes the two, playing a stand-up comic who has hit the bottle and goes to an analyst for a cure. Funny and desperate, with echoes of Tony Hancock, the playlet is based on Brian Glanville's novel, The Comic.



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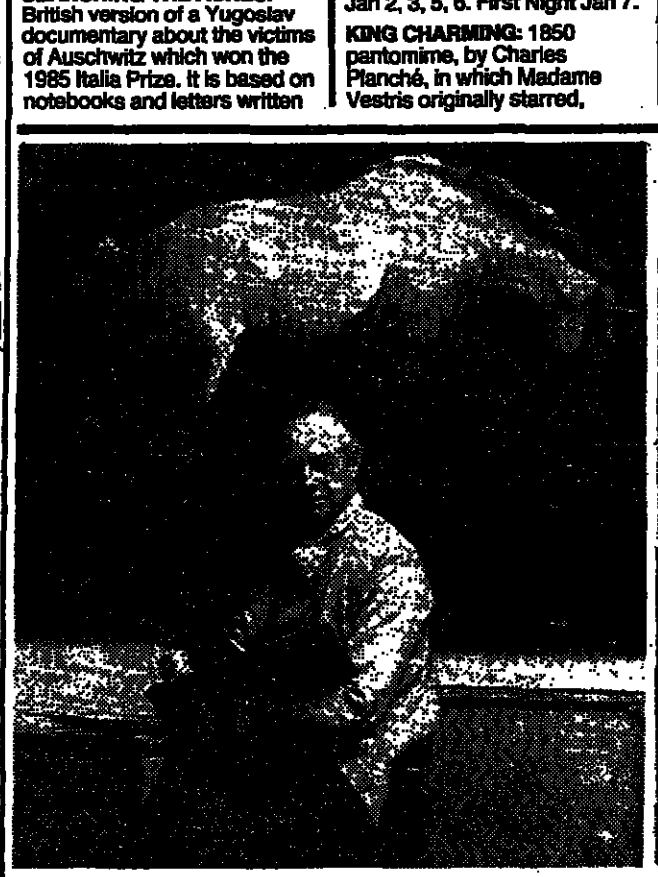
OPERA WATFORD: Spotted Dick: Lou Stain directs the first revival for nearly 50 years of this Ben Travers farce. With Paula Wilcox, Christopher Benjamin, David Seames.



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The two sides of Alfred Munnings: (left) with one of his more typical horses and (right) a detail from Gals Day (1902)

Rebirth of the eclectic horseman

When the dignitaries at the Royal Academy dinner in 1949, the first held since the war, had finished eating, there were the customary toasts and a rousing chorus of "Like the Boys of the Old Brigade". The Archbishop of Canterbury and "Monty" gave short speeches on the state of the world, and then came the president, Sir Alfred Munnings. The air was thick with high-spirited anticipation and cigar smoke (Winston Churchill, next to speak, was sitting two along). It was to be Munnings's last speech as president, having decided to resign the year before as a protest over the growing toleration among his colleagues of "so-called modern art". The dinner provided him with a perfect forum for a broadside against his pet hate. His worst enemies, Anthony Blunt and Kenneth Clark, were there, and the speeches were being broadcast live on the wireless. From the start he was heckled by Academicians eager to see the back of him and his reactionary opinions. With his tongue loosened by drink he quickly found his stride. He thundered on about Parisian painting, "that damned nonsense", reserving special venom for Henry Moore and Picasso. It was the sensational stuff of leader articles. As with all people of extreme views, he was either loved or loathed, and he sat down to a cocktail of loud applause and raspberries. Apart from painting horses for the gallery, a sort of latter-day Stubbs, Munnings was never remembered for anything else but this speech. He ranted on periodically about post-war American art and other "foolish drooleries", but after his death in 1959, aged 81, he was instantly forgotten. As little as five years ago, a major Munnings exhibition sponsored by an important gallery would have been unthinkable. But tastes have now changed. Modernism is now dead and expressive figuration back in vogue. Hence the revival of interest in Munnings and like-minded painters. The City Art Gallery, Manchester, and its adjacent annexe, the Athenaeum Gallery, are hosting not one but two Munnings exhibitions. The Munnings retrospective at Athenaeum Gallery categorized as a "horse painter" and discovers instead a first-rate English Impressionist. Munnings himself was aware of the weakness of the 300 commissioned pictures executed between 1920 and 1940 and requested that not too many of these be included in the only other retrospective, held just before his death. It is the earlier pictures of gypsies and country scenes that are given prominence in the present exhibition. In the other show, Munnings v The Moderns, his famous speech and his satirical picture, Does The Subject Matter (1956), in which "experts" and "art boys" are lampooned, form the centrepiece for the modernism of Moore, Picasso, Matisse, Braub, Sutherland and Pasmore, whose works he dismissed as "violent blows of nothing". It remains to be seen if the public will rally to Munnings's defence, as they did following his famous speech. David Lee



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# SPORTING DIARY

Simon Barnes

## Hit for 4,000

Sport is the ultimate trivial pursuit, but is Trivial Pursuit the ultimate sport? Could there be a more trivial pursuit than Trivial Pursuit? Willow Enterprises have made a valiant bid to create one with Cricketivia, a board game built on the as yet undimmed trivial craze. It includes 4,000 questions on matters of vast importance related to the game of cricket. Here are four. Answers at the foot of the column.

1. Where is Corporation Stadium?
2. How many Test wickets did Keith Fletcher take?
3. Who was F.S. Jackson's flag at Harrow?
4. Who said: "Cricket? It civilizes people and creates gentlemen. I want everyone to play cricket?"

## Noblesse oblige

You might expect a top flight referee to act a bit grand and snuffy when summoned to an evening match between two sides in the GM Vauxhall Conference. Not David Axcell, who drew the short straw for the titanic clash between Maidstone United and Welwyn United. Maidstone's notoriously muddy pitch looked unplayable at 3 pm, when Axcell inspected it. However, he thought that with luck the game could still go ahead. So he joined the groundstaff and worked flat out for three hours, spiking the turf and clearing the surface water to ensure that the game was, in fact, played.

Owner Robert Sangster tells of the latest racing wheeze in Australia — an event strictly for greys. It was a winner, with a huge crowd and betting well over the odds.

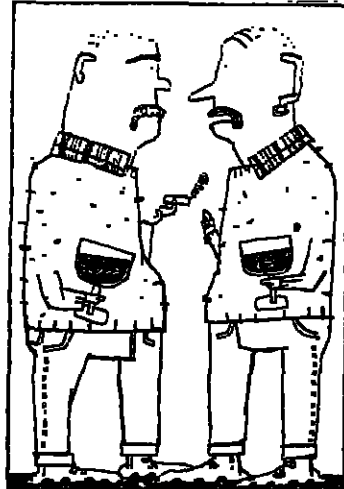
## Soap spray

Australian television brings us nothing but treats. No one will forget — how could they? — *Bodyline*, the soap opera that revelled in what unquestionably the longest and most plaintive whinge in the history of sport. This has now been followed, perhaps even topped, by a celebration of what was certainly the loudest and will almost certainly prove to be the longest crowd in sporting history. I refer, of course, to Australia's 1983 victory in the America's Cup. A new, sparkling and flaming soap opera called *The Challenge* will be shown on three successive Mondays, starting on December 29. Tim Pigott-Smith and John Wood star as Peter de Savary and Alan Bond. Now is the time to ensure a previous engagement.

## Fowl play

Who could resist Sir Ralph Payne-Galwey's *The Book of Duck Decoys: Their construction, management and history*, published in 1886? Sir Ralph wrote: "My object, *can amore*, is to place on record the method of constructing decoys, as well as the manner of taking wildfowl therein... Decoying was a trade of astonishing dimension in England... in Eastern counties alone there formerly existed some 100 decoys." The book recently fetched £220 at Sotheby's.

BARRY FANTONI



"Do you suppose the Don't Die of Ignorance campaign includes a warning against James Anderson?"

## Good fight won

The Christians in Sport newsletter is quite the nicest publication in sport. Here is Meredith Marshall, on winning the Scottish Ladies Open at Dalnasherry: "I had the peace of God that passes understanding as I played. I just trusted in the Lord with all my heart. I remember praying 'Lord thy will be done'. Afterwards I was thrilled by the answer to prayer and by how the Lord had used me as a witness in this way."

## Brotherly shove

I am wildly excited at the prospect of a craze for Nobejbal sweeping the country. Nobejbal is a new Czechoslovak game, played, I am told, by 100,000 people in trade union competitions. It appears to be a kind of volleyball, using feet instead of hands. The rules include the "not allowed way of playing the ball", such as "when the ball touched foreign thing or body it is a fault of the player to touched the ball last time." The ball is allowed to bounce, I gather, although "exceeding leg over net can be pushed off by the body of the players of the opposing team." Clearly it is a game for the toughest trades union members.

Cricketivia answers: 1. Madras. 2. One. 3. Winston Churchill. 4. Robert Mugabe.

# A candle that must be relit

by George Theiner

"Considering the obstacles that remain in the way of everyday reporting, considering how journalists have been milled down by some of the toughest laws imaginable, it is in fact possible to marvel at just how much the press is still managing to bring to light."

These words were spoken at the end of October by J.C. Viviers, editor of the *Eastern Province Herald*, in a speech he gave on the state of the press in South Africa at Rhodes University, Grahamstown.

Viviers was, of course, referring to the clampdown of June 12, when the Botha government brought in tough legislation to prevent the reporting of unrest and violent demonstrations, excluding journalists from the scene of such events. And he concluded his talk by expressing the belief that press freedom would survive. "Battered though it is, South Africa's press will not sit on the sidelines and merely take what is dished out. Newspapers may be more restricted than ever before, but they are still informing the public."

The drastic new restrictions introduced on Thursday have, for the time being, put paid to freedom of the press in South Africa, whose newspapers will now find it difficult in the extreme to inform the public. It is a criminal offence to report even peaceful demonstrations. Pre-publication censorship is in operation for the first time, and editors are not allowed to leave blank spaces indicating where material has been censored.

Hitherto, despite various restrictions, South Africa could

proudly claim to possess a press much freer than that of most black African states, a press that could not be compared with the media in Soviet Russia and other communist countries. Sadly, as from December 11, this is no longer so. How long is this regrettable state of affairs likely to last? That, of course, is a difficult question to answer, and I am not sure that the experience of other countries provides much guidance in this respect. The press in the Soviet Union and in the communist states of central and eastern Europe is organized on such different lines, being entirely in the hands of the party or government, that comparisons cannot but be false.

Even now, journalists like Viviers will doubtless do their utmost to report truthfully whatever the law does not prevent them from reporting. Anthony Heard, editor of the *Cape Times*, has been quoted as saying that the new regulations can still be challenged in the courts. "We are still not in the Cambodia league," Heard said, "though we have clearly crossed a watershed."

Other countries, in Africa, Latin America and elsewhere, have in the past introduced state of siege legislation which has put similar clamps on the media. In Paraguay, freedom of expression has been curbed for most of the 32 years of the Stroessner dictatorship, which has maintained a state of emergency throughout that time, with but a few brief exceptions. In

Chile, under General Pinochet, there is at present a three-month state of siege brought in after the failed attempt on the president's life in September. Like previous emergencies, this will no doubt be lifted but we do not know whether banned opposition magazines will be allowed to resume operations.

There is one aspect of Draconian censorship that the Pretoria government would do well to consider. It has always seemed to me that unless there is a Stalinist-type police state to back it up — with no political opposition and no independent media to criticize the authorities — such censorship cannot but be inadequate and, to some extent, counter-productive. To give a small example, when the June emergency was declared, the July-August issue of *Index on Censorship* was in galley proof, ready to go to the printer. In it there was not a single article on South Africa — but when the news broke of the new censorship regulations in Pretoria, we replaced perhaps half the material with three features on the subject. South Africa overnight becoming the main focus of that issue. It also became the target of critical articles and editorials in all major newspapers, and renewed pressure was brought to bear on President Reagan and Mrs Thatcher to apply economic sanctions.

There is not the slightest hope that the civil unrest and mass expressions of protest in South Africa will cease. No matter how stringent the press regulations, the

government cannot prevent news about this from getting out. Worse than that, it is in just such situations that rumour thrives, frequently painting a picture blacker than it is in reality.

Even at this late stage, the Botha government would do well to reconsider its attitude to the press. Though it would seem from its latest action that it no longer cares about world public opinion, the suppression of press freedom will make it impossible for now on for Pretoria to claim it is defending "Western" values. And it is Pretoria which, in the long run, is likely to be the loser.

No one can prophesy what the future holds for the people of South Africa. Given recent developments, it is difficult to envisage a peaceful transition to a more democratic, multi-racial society. If, on the other hand, despite all the government's efforts to suppress it, a violent change is one day to take place, what will then be the role of the press?

Presidents in other African countries are anything but encouraging. One can but hope that the editor of the *Eastern Province Herald*, in the speech at Rhodes University quoted earlier, was not being overly optimistic when he said: "Press freedom will survive. I hope... that the public will insist on it surviving, so that when a new government comes into being in South Africa, it will be able to inherit and build on the right of free speech, instead of taking over a tattered instrument of press control."

The author is editor of *Index on Censorship*.

## The head of Unicef talks to Paul Valley about its new approach to child health — based on hard-sell marketing combined with low-cost techniques



Jim Grant on the road in Nepal: 'Ninety per cent of child deaths are preventable'

# Flying uncle to every needy child

There is a bottle of Coca Cola on the shelf of the executive director of the United Nations Children's Fund in New York. He brought it back from Lhasa in Tibet when he discovered that it had been bottled in Kathmandu and then carried by some enterprising entrepreneur over the highest mountain range in the world to its point of sale.

"The rest of us have a lot to learn from the marketing of Coca Cola", James Grant told me in Nepal during a recent visit there. The staff of Unicef are hearing that a lot nowadays. This week marked the 40th anniversary of the foundation of the body which sprang from the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration (Unrra) in the aftermath of the Second World War. Despite the enormous progress made in the aggregate health of the world's children in that time, the anniversary confronts Unicef with the need for re-evaluation rather than mere celebration.

No one is more acutely aware of this than Jim Grant himself. The personal history of the agency's charismatic leader carries interesting parallels to that of the development movement as it has emerged in the latter half of this century. He was born in Peking, where his father and grandfather had been medical missionaries since 1888. His grandfather, a doctor with the Baptist Foreign Mission, established China's first teaching hospital. It was considered a great success but his son realized that if the health problems of the country were to be solved they needed to be tackled earlier.

John B. Grant became one of the world's pioneers in the field of primary health care, touring rural villages training barefoot doctors, establishing basic health posts and crude diagnostic laboratories. That was in the early 1930s and James Grant, still not a teenager, often accompanied his father on his tours. "He sought to dissuade me from becoming a doctor too. He had taken one step nearer to the root cause of the problem than his father had. He wanted me to do the same."

James Grant became an economist and a lawyer and from that base was one of the first men to make a career out of development and emergency rehabilitation work — in China, Sri Lanka, Turkey and India. He worked first with Unrra, later as an assistant Secretary of State for the US government, and then as founding president of its Overseas Development Council.

"In the 1950s, Unicef set out with an ad hoc series of programmes to help in the developing world. In the Sixties it tried to encourage countries to plan more consistently for the welfare of their children. In the Seventies we became advocates of the 'basic services' approach, using not

Western methods, but measures appropriate to local technology and culture. But in the Eighties all this has got bogged down in the global economic crisis. We are clearly losing momentum."

Grant's solution, since he took over as head of Unicef in 1980, has been to wrest the emphasis away from emergency relief work and more traditional development projects in water supply, education and social services. In their place, he has sought out low-cost options which are capable of saving a greater number of lives on a more short-term basis. The policy has not been without controversy.

"Every day, 40,000 children die somewhere in the world. Around 14,000 die from dehydration due to diarrhoeal disease. Another 10,000 die from diseases against which they could be immunized at a cost of 50 cents each. About 90 per cent of these deaths are preventable."

This is where Coca Cola comes in. Grant's strategy is that the technology exists to combat the problems. What has been lacking is the marketing and the realization that the development industry too has to create an active demand before shipping out its product. "It was discovered in Bangladesh in the late Seventies that when you replace water and salt lost in diarrhoea, they can be absorbed 25 times more quickly if mixed with the right quantity of glucose. It's called ORS — for oral rehydration salts. This is one of the great medical discoveries of the 20th century: it can save more lives than penicillin."

"There have been other advances, too. Twenty years ago a useful vaccine against measles — a big killer — did not exist; now it does. There have been rediscoveries too, such as how much better breast feeding is than artificial milk. None of this costs much, but we have to find how to get this information disseminated. We have to persuade people that they need it."

Last month, James Grant made his first official visit to Nepal with the new gospel. His itinerary afforded a clear reflection of Unicef's new priorities. At the initial staff briefing, though water and education projects take up the

bulk of the \$6 million Unicef spends annually in Nepal, Grant was clearly most interested in the techniques the communications staff were using to promote ORS and the polio, tetanus and measles immunization campaign which is currently under way there.

He spoke enthusiastically about campaigns in Latin America featuring the football stars Pele and Socrates to promote breast-feeding and, rather indiscreetly, revealed that Unicef had approached the Princess of Wales for a similar campaign. "Lady Di", he said, had agreed but more prudish counsels at the palace had thought the idea somehow improper.

Grant is a consummate PR man. His eye for the handy personality and the packageable gobbit of information is as adept as any Coca Cola marketing man's. He addresses Nepali journalists on diarrhoea statistics with the comparison that as many Nepali children die daily at the height of the monsoon as would be killed if three jumbo jets full of school children crashed in the Himalayas. He points out that the world's total number of Aids deaths to date is less than the daily death toll from preventable dehydration.

Clearly he is an adroit and unfailingly energetic politician too. With seeming disingenuousness he tells the religious representative of Nepal's largest non-governmental social services agency about successful Muslim and Catholic drives for immunization elsewhere and wonders why Hindu is the only major religion now omitted. He advises local Unicef staff to tie immunization day to a public event, like the King's birthday, so that they can ask for the police and army to be mobilized in the effort.

He advises them to extend the work to the constituency of the foreign minister as his personal involvement with the South Asian Association for Regional Co-operation is crucial.

He suggests various crafty stratagems for involving other agencies with more money, like the World Bank or the Asian Development Bank, in major long-term projects from which he is anxious Unicef should withdraw. He makes mental notes of difficulties with individual min-

isters or policies which he can raise at his audience with the King on the final day of his trip. He is even able to drop an indirect hint to the local Save the Children (US) representative that now is a good time to reapply to the US government aid fund for a grant which had earlier been turned down. "I know they've got some spare money at the moment: my son administers the fund."

The Grant plan for Unicef is not without its critics, mainly from more conservative agencies like the World Health Organization in Geneva or the UN Development Programme in Rome. The received wisdom in the development world is that, as their jargon has it, integrated systems are better than vertical ones, which means that individual campaigns cannot be sustained in the long term without a complete system which includes clinics, schools, clean water and other essential basic services.

Experience of development work in the present recession shows otherwise, according to Grant. "It is not just that by following this plan we hope to be able to halve infant mortality by 1990. What we are also doing is putting health back on the national agenda. ORS and immunization can be Trojan horses. We are tapping into the self-interest of politicians who see the electoral benefits of these effective low-cost measures. There are many examples of how, once the health of children has become the personal interest of a nation's leader, spending increases."

He points to the first successful campaign in Colombia where the primary school curriculum has now been rewritten by the state, pre-marital counselling by priests has been extended to cover the health of children, and employment practices have been revised by employers and unions. "It is changing the attitude of a nation. Had it not been for the Trojan horses we would have been losing ground there."

In some cases the extra cost of this will have to be met by the wealthy nations of the West, who already contribute most of Unicef's annual \$360 million budget. But often, as in Pakistan and Indonesia, the cost can be borne merely by postponing for one year the building of something like a hospital for the capital. "It is in any case difficult to justify spending a lot on the urban rich when the rural poor need so little."

That, Grant feels is one of the essential functions of the UN and its agencies. "The UN is a place where the tenants of the world, the developing nations, get the chance to lecture the landlords of the world. Of course, that's very uncomfortable for the rich nations. But so it should be."

# Michael Kinsley Forgive me if I laugh

Washington British political scandals are about as lust, the old saw has it, while American political scandals are about greed. This one is about power. Perhaps that's why it is being treated with such high seriousness. Indeed the only irritating aspect of the otherwise delightful collapse of the Reagan administration is the widespread insistence that we must all be poker-faced about it.

The approved attitude is to don the mask of tragedy: oh, woe is us, another failed administration, policymaking in disarray, etc. The *Washington Post* is second to none in moral dudgeon but nevertheless declares that anyone who finds the spectacle entertaining is "reprehensible".

Dear me. Am I really the only one here who is having a great time? Would I like to share the joke with the rest of the class? Or should any right-thinking person succumb to the fever of solemnity? No, upon tortured reflection, I've concluded that the case for glee remains compelling.

First, Washington types live for this kind of episode. The adrenaline is flowing like Perrier. Everyone, Reagan supporters no less than his opponents, is wandering around in a happy buzz induced by those oft-denounced but rarely eschewed twin intoxicants, gossip and speculation.

Secondly, "disarray" is the essence of farce, and a banana skin tumble is just as funny when it happens to the National Security Council as to the Three Stooges. The arms-for-Iran episode has not lacked for pies in faces, missing trousers, stubbed toes, confused identities, mistaken embraces, role reversals, strange noises and other classic elements of lowbrow comedy. It's only human to laugh.

Thirdly, it's a healthy democratic instinct to enjoy seeing the mighty fall, and no one was acting mightier, especially since the 1984 election, than the Reagan administration. Democrats and liberals, beaten down after six years of Reaganism, have every right to wallow in *Schadenfreude*.

Politics is not just a game, but it is a game. And if people are going to be scolded for cheering whenever their side scores or the other side fumbles, they will quite rightly confine their attention to professional football.

There are subtler pleasures to be had as well. It's delicious that contempt for democracy should have done Reagan in. For six years, democracy has been the biggest frustration of the president's opponents. It seemed to us, the carping critics, that this man was not terribly bright, not terribly

thoughtful or well informed, not terribly honest, and in most other ways not up to the most important job in the world. But a large majority of people seemed not to mind. And so a consensus grew that if he lacked conventional mental and moral assets, he had some special magic.

Even Reagan's critics became superstitious about this alleged magic. They became afraid to say, or even to remember, that he's just an old movie actor. They came to believe that to criticize Reagan personally was to cut themselves off from the democratic life-force and condemn their souls to that circle of hell "inside the Beltway" (Washington's ring road and a common metaphor for political insularity). Like knocking on wood or whistling past the graveyard, superstitious critics would preface any dissent from Reagan's policies with expressions of respect for him personally. One reason the president's political opponents are nervous about chuckling over his present predicament is fear that the magic monster is only asleep and the laughter will awaken him.

So, democracy used to be Reagan's opponent's problem, but now it's his problem. As his standing plummets in the polls, he waves his magic wand in bewilderment, puzzled that the magic doesn't work. "This is a Beltway bloodletting," he told *Time* magazine. What this pathetic remark reveals is that it is Reagan who is now trapped "inside the Beltway," isolated in a cocoon of advisers, cut off from the democratic life-force. And in fact the Contra war in Nicaragua has always been an inside-the-Beltway enthusiasm, which is what led to Reagan's difficulties in the first place.

"The *Salvadoran guerrillas* or the Sandinistas don't have to worry about all this when they deal with the Cubans and the Russians," a Contra leader complained to the *New York Times*. "All this" refers to Congress, public opinion, the press, the law, and suchlike impediments. The Reagan administration, on whom democracy had lavished its greatest blessings, could not be bothered with democracy's inconveniences either.

So there's no need for gloom. Liberals and others who feared for their own faith in democracy can breathe easy. Reagan's come-uppance is democracy's salvation. It turns out that Lincoln was right: you can't fool all the people all the time after all. Dry those tears and repeat after me: Ha, ha, ha, ha.

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## Woodrow Wyatt

# Investing in a better meal

In 1985 Britain headed the world league of deaths from coronaries in proportion to population — 104,000 men and 82,000 women. Evidence is growing of a link between our diet and coronaries, and also with diseases such as cancer, multiple sclerosis, rheumatoid arthritis, duodenal ulcers and diabetes. Sir Richard Doll FRS has suggested, for example, that between 10 and 70 per cent of cancer cases are caused by wrong diet.

A Committee on Medical Aspects of Food Policy sponsored by the DHSS reported in July 1984 that a significant cause of coronaries was too high an intake of hard, or saturated, fats and recommended a large reduction in their consumption and substitution by polyunsaturated fats like those in polyunsaturated margarine, fish, game and seed oils. It also concluded that dietary fibre could be an aid against coronaries and that obesity, often brought on by too much saturated fat and sugar, induced them.

But we are woefully short of scientific research into how humans should feed themselves. The happy-go-lucky, as in the ill-researched *Diet of Reason*, published recently, tell us to eat what we like. It is a seductive argument but it needs prolonged and vigorous scientific testing.

The animal foodstuffs industry, the Minister of Agriculture and many important institutes spend millions yearly on researching the best diet for animals — but there is almost no in-depth research into the best diet for humans. Chairs of human nutrition have just been established at Leeds University and Barts, but they have little research backing.

After the last war the medical profession, including those teaching medicine at universities, considered that all human nutrition problems, apart from actual food shortages, had been solved. When the Wellcome Trust wanted to pay for an institute of human nutrition at Oxford the university authorities rejected the gift, saying that within ten years there would be no nutrition problems.

Thirty years ago, Dr Hugh Sinclair gave up directing Oxford's laboratory of human nutrition because the university was not interested. At the suggestion of Lord Woolton, wartime Food Minister, he set up, as a charity, the International Nutrition Foundation in his house and grounds at Sutton Courtenay near Oxford while remaining a Fellow of Magdalen. It is his research over the last 40 years into the nature of fatty acids which has led to

widespread medical acceptance of a relationship between diseases and the saturated animal fats in many meats and dairy products.

From his research into Japanese eating habits, Dr Sinclair noticed that their diet of fish and rice resulted in far fewer coronaries and cancer complaints than in Western industrialized countries. But when Japanese moved to California and adopted an American diet, the incidence of the two diseases rose to local levels. These diseases are now on the increase in Japan itself, together with the new Japanese taste for Western-style food.

Considerable research among Eskimos, still living mainly on their old diet of fish and seals, persuaded Dr Sinclair that, though they had the highest intake of fat in the world, it was fat of the right sort since they were almost free of heart disease, cancer, diabetes, multiple sclerosis and other diseases. His findings have stimulated interest in the value of the polyunsaturated fats in fish, including the beneficial properties they may have in preventing multiple sclerosis.

From being thought of as a crank 40 years ago, Dr Sinclair is increasingly recognized as an innovator of ideas which must be heeded. It is possible that the right diet might even be effective against lung cancer. Sir Francis Avery Jones, one of the world's top gastro-enterologists, thinks the one in ten of heavy smokers who die of it might well have died from lung cancer anyway, as do many non-smokers. The case is simply not proven.

With slender resources, Dr Sinclair has changed much thinking already. When he dies all his property will go to his foundation but it will not be enough for the immense amount of research which has to be done for decades. If the government, intelligent rich donors and trusts would supply £9 million, the foundation would become permanently the most important centre in Europe, and probably the world, elucidating the dietary causes of diseases.

Dr Sinclair's establishment has the advantage of being near Oxford and Reading Universities. Creation of a chair of human nutrition at Oxford would enhance the work of the International Nutrition Foundation and would also atone for Oxford's past obscurantism. Hundreds of millions of pounds go on research into fashionable subjects such as genetics and immunology. Yet identifying the best diets, which can be just as agreeable as our present diets, is more basic to human health than anything else.



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# NO NEWS IS BAD NEWS

South Africa's Nationalist government, after retreating into its laager for the last quarter of a century, has now rolled the last wagon into place. From behind its wheels the Boers have long peered out at a world whose hostility they have defied and whose conciliatory gestures they have brusquely rejected. With this week's assault on press freedom, they have tried to ensure that no-one can even peer back at them.

Yesterday's arrests, including that of Mr Zwellakhe Sisulu, editor of the radical black journal *New Nation*, are the next moves in what President Botha now clearly sees as a fight to the finish. The unrestricted nature of the censorship is, indeed, more appropriate to war than to peace, and Mr Botha's address to the nation last night indicates that it should be seen within that overall context.

In one sense, the new censorship measures are a vindication of those who have argued against the imposition of sanctions on the grounds that they would push a paranoid government to the wall. As, one by one, some of the biggest multi-nationals in South Africa have pulled up their stakes and moved on, so the isolation of Pretoria has looked more desperate. It ministers have accordingly grown more intransigent. To that extent, the adoption of more, rather than less, extreme measures against its critics was predictable.

This does not, however, make it excusable — or wise. One reason for the measures is a fear within the government of an invasion of men's minds by "propaganda." No doubt there are in South Africa, as elsewhere, journalists whose dedication to the truth is less than total. But they are read

largely by those who believe what they want to believe anyway. It is equally true that newspapers proselytise. But to prevent them from reporting what is happening will hardly win their support.

Riots and unrest are among those matters which the general public has a reasonably unqualified right to know — and there is a moral argument against preventing them. But there is also a very practical one. South Africans are increasingly nervous about their long-term future and the government is hardly going to reassure them by restricting the outflow of news. The most likely result is a rise in the rumour industry and a consequent spread of alarm. Censorship is a weapon of war — in the Western democracies anyway. To introduce it now makes the crisis seem more serious rather than less.

Presumably the government is hoping that by waving a big stick, it will produce at least the effect of a little one. Mr David Steward who heads the Bureau for Information, suggested yesterday that the new measures could be short-lived if the home and foreign media could find a way to "police themselves to make sure they are not exposed to radicals." Exactly how much licence reporters will be given and what penalties will be served on those who are held to transgress, will doubtless be learned the hard way.

But by hook or by crook, the unfolding events in South Africa must be relayed to the world. At a time when the government has taken emergency powers of detention, it is more vital than ever that the Press should be vigilant and free. To extend the powers of censorship to cover even the courts is to lay one's government open to justifiable suspicion.

The relative freedom of South Africa's press has always been a beacon of light in the darkness. That has now been extinguished and to cite instances of countries in black Africa where the independent reporter is given short shrift is no real answer.

These are matters of particular concern to those countries which still have substantial investments in South Africa — as does Britain. Indeed, the Foreign Office took an early opportunity to deplore the restrictions on press freedom. For countries like Britain have exposed themselves to pressures of all kinds in trying to retain links with the Cape. The abandonment of this last vestige of respectability by the Botha government, has made the British position that much more difficult.

President Botha, of course, will not lose much sleep over this. That was clear from the scant courtesies extended to Sir Geoffrey Howe on his visit there last summer. On the other hand, he has a more practical interest in retaining Western investments in South Africa, and this interest is poorly served by crisis moves like this.

The most that one can hope for is that his actions are designed not so much to prolong white minority rule in South Africa, as to enable an orderly retreat from it. It is arguable, and no doubt liberal Nationalists might try to argue it, that reform as opposed to revolution, needs to take place without the interference of a critical outside world. The tragedy of it is that, even if this is true, his policies are raising the stakes and making the job much harder. The laager is not impenetrable and in the end it is the sword not the pen he has to fear.

# SOLVING MURDERS BY COMPUTER

Following the confusions that enveloped the various police forces in the hunt for the Yorkshire Ripper, the Chief Inspector of Constabulary, Mr Lawrence Byford, recommended the introduction of computerised records to assist the police in any similar large-scale investigations in future. No one questioned that the effectiveness of Britain's police forces would be greatly increased by the introduction of this new technology, least of all the Home Office, which immediately began working on a computer system to meet the specifications of the 43 police forces in England and Wales.

As a result of those efforts, the first Home Office Large Major Enquiry System, known as Holmes, was introduced in the spring of 1986. It is estimated that by the end of the year some 27 of the regional police forces in England and Wales will be equipped with Holmes, and by the end of 1987 the vast majority of those remaining will also have acquired it.

Police forces anywhere in the country will then be able, in short order, to collect, collate and share information on cases which stretch across regional jurisdictions. The practical advantage of such a system is that a computer is able to identify similarities, coincidences, links and clues far more quickly reliably than scores of policemen combing through card index files. It

should be welcomed by the public as a significant step forward in the ability of the police to solve major crimes.

Unfortunately, that capability is still some twelve months away. In the meantime, Nottinghamshire's chief constable, Mr Charles McLachlan, has asked the Home Office for additional funding, estimated at £250,000, to enable the six police forces involved in the hunt for the killer or killers of Caroline Hogg, Susan Maxwell and Sarah Harper to computerise the information on these murders. Caroline Hogg, aged five, disappeared in Edinburgh and was found ten days later in Leicestershire; Susan Maxwell, aged eleven, disappeared from Coldstream on the Scottish Borders and was found two weeks later in Uttroxteter; and Sarah Harper, aged ten, disappeared from Leeds and was found three weeks later near Nottingham.

Police, long suspecting that there could be a link between the three murders, have been eager to explore the parallels between them. But investigation has been impeded until now by the incompatibility of the information available to the various police forces involved. Although West Yorkshire police have a fully operational Holmes computer system, Lothian and Borders police are still working with a pre-Holmes and partially manual system, while Staffordshire police operate a wholly man-

ual information retrieval system.

These data bases should ideally be brought up to Holmes standard specification as soon as possible. This would undoubtedly be expensive and time-consuming. In the case of West Staffordshire, for example, it would require transferring some 75,000 manual records onto the Holmes system.

Nonetheless, the exercise could speed up the investigation considerably. In view of the anguish of the parents and the desirability of apprehending the criminal (or criminals) before another victim is claimed, the additional expense is a relatively small price to pay for the increase in police efficiency.

Representatives of the six police forces are scheduled to discuss an emergency allocation of funds from the Home Office early next week. The circumstances of this particular investigation warrant a rapid response by the Home Office, if the police are to be helped to overcome an obstacle which will cease to exist in a few months' time.

The Home Office has already indicated that it will give serious and urgent consideration to the request made by the officers in charge of the investigations. It should now go further and provide the additional resources they need to bring the investigation to a rapid conclusion.

# FOURTH LEADER

Mr Peter Bruinvels, MP, has proposed that foreign visitors to the House of Commons should be obliged to pay to get in. At first sight, the idea seems to have much to commend it. Very few centres of entertainment allow the public in without charge, and it is not unacceptably outlandish to discriminate between foreigners and natives in the very special case of Parliament, which is, after all, our Parliament. But further reflection suggests that Mr Bruinvels may not have thought the thing right through.

First, what would happen if the attendance figures slumped to virtually nothing as soon as the charge was imposed? Could there be clearer evidence that the world's judgement of the standard of production and performance at Westminster fell below the level at which it would be worth paying for a seat? For many years now, foreign visitors to Britain have put high on their list of inducements the quality of our

theatre; for them now to strike from the list the Theatre of Politics itself would be an insupportable embarrassment.

But that is not all. Suppose that a foreign visitor, paying for his stall (even without an audible sniff), in the expectation of an exciting duel about spies between the Prime Minister and the Leader of the Opposition, should instead find himself listening to a discussion of the White Fish and Herring Industry Bill; what if he walked out and demanded his money back from the box office?

And there is worse than that to contemplate. Foreigners have a long history of getting over-excited at theatres and concert-halls; at the first performance of Stravinsky's *Le Sacre de Printemps* the audience set the curtains on fire, and after the premiere of Victor Hugo's *Hernani* they went out into the streets and started a revolution. We hardly think that that is the sort of thing Mr Bruinvels had in mind.

Then again, the role of the Arts Council comes into question. Should the performances at the Commons be subsidised? If so, where are the extra funds to come from? If not, the management might well find that they would have to put up the price of the seats to a height that would deter all but the wealthiest visitors, which would inevitably provoke accusations of elitism. And what about the inevitable friction between the foreigners, having to fork out for their tickets, and the British, marching in free? Is that the way to cultivate harmony between this country and others?

All in all, we feel that the suggestion, well-meant as it doubtless was, would be, literally, more trouble than it was worth. (And to make the charge voluntary, as at the V & A, would be to invite the worst of both worlds.) MPs who were already getting excited at the proposal will have to resign themselves to the fact that Budget Day will still come but once a year.

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Putting back the education clock?

From the Secretary of the National Association for Primary Education

Sir, Kenneth Baker proposes a return to almost the precise conditions operating in English education under the 1862 Revised Code, with "payment by results" remaining the fundamental philosophical strand. Perhaps he should inform the governing bodies to whom he wishes to hand power of some of the historic effects of that code.

1. Teachers neglected the able children in order to try to advance the dull.
2. Administrative falsification occurred on a scale never seen since.
3. Children were kept down until they cleared all the academic targets each year.
4. Classes became larger; the supply of quality teachers declined.
5. The climate within schools became hostile. Inspectors were regarded as enemies. Inspections were seen as "one-off" performances when artificial conditions were established in schools merely to try to impress.
6. The examination system encouraged a heavy reliance on rote learning, something discredited by inspectors and the composers of major reports throughout the history of English education, not least in mathematics.
7. The examinations were restricted largely to the three Rs, inducing a willful neglect of the rest of the curriculum.

The assumption that there is ever anything like a standard child able to perform to a given target at a given moment in time has long been discredited. The 11-plus examination represented the last Baker-style foray into attainment testing and remains discredited even in the public mind, for there were always too many losers. The blame for failure could largely be placed upon the children, but Baker will want parents to blame it

## Protecting sea from pollution

From Mr Tony Wilson

Sir, The Government's efforts to take its share of responsibility for protecting the sea from pollution caused by ships carrying chemicals are inadequate. The UK is a signatory to international regulations designed to prevent pollution by noxious liquid substances, but despite this the Government has done nothing to honour its agreement.

The Convention (Marine Pollution 73/78, annex II) has been accepted by 41 countries and applies to more than 81 per cent of the world's ships; it comes into force on April 6 next year.

From that date the discharge of certain chemicals into the sea will be prohibited altogether, and the discharge of others will be severely restricted. Ships will be obliged to send ashore residues of specified chemicals along with the water used for washing tanks that have carried them, if the regulations prevent their disposal at sea.

The regulations clearly state that governments of each party to the Convention undertake to ensure the provision of adequate facilities for the reception of residues and mixtures containing noxious liquid waste.

Mr Michael Spicer, the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Transport, said in a written answer on November 26: "There is at present no legal requirement for UK ports to provide reception facilities for noxious liquid wastes arising from ships; therefore, no information is available as to established facilities."

It is clear from Mr Spicer's comments that the Government has no intention of taking any action until the April 6 deadline; this is not the intention of the Convention which the UK helped to develop.

Yours faithfully,  
TONY WILSON,  
The Motor Ship,  
Quadrant House, The Quadrant,  
Sutton, Surrey,  
December 3.

## ON THIS DAY

DECEMBER 13 1917

General Allenby (1861-1936) was given command in 1917 of the Egyptian Expeditionary Force, whose notable victory at Gaza led to the evacuation of Jerusalem by the Turks.

THE ENTRY INTO JERUSALEM.

PROCESSION ON FOOT.

PROCLAMATION TO THE INHABITANTS.

The following telegram, received yesterday from General Sir E. Allenby, was read in the House of Commons by Mr Lloyd George-Jerusalem, 3 p.m., Dec. 11, 1917.

I entered this city officially at noon today with a few of my staff, the commanders of the French and Italian detachments, and the Military Attachés of France, Italy, and the United States of America.

The procession was all on foot. At the Jaffa Gate I was received by guards representing England, Scotland, Ireland, Wales, Australia, New Zealand, India, France and Italy. The population received me well. Guards have been placed over the Holy Places. My Military Governor is in touch with the acting Custos of the Latins and the Greek representative. The Governor has detailed an officer to supervise Christian Holy Places.

The Mosque of Omar and the area round it has been placed under Moslem control, and a military cordon, composed of Indian Mahomedan officers and soldiers, has been established round the Mosque. Orders have been issued that no non-Moslem is to pass this cordon without permission of the Military Governor and the Moslem in charge of the Mosque.

The following proclamation was read in my presence to the population in Arabic, Hebrew, English, French, Italian, Greek, and Russian from the steps of the Citadel, and has been posted on the walls:

Proclamation of Martial Law in Jerusalem.

To the inhabitants of Jerusalem the Blessed and the people dwelling in the vicinity. The defeat inflicted upon the Turks by the troops under my command has resulted in the occupation of this city by my forces. I therefore have and now proclaim it to be under martial law, under which form of administration it will remain so long as military considerations make it necessary. However, lest any of you should be alarmed by reason of your experience at the hands of the enemy who has retired, I hereby inform you that it is my desire that every person should pursue his lawful business without fear of interruption.

Furthermore, since your City is regarded as a sacred city by the adherents of three of the great religions of mankind, and its soil has been consecrated by the prayers and pilgrimages of multitudes of devout people of these three religions for many centuries, therefore do I make known to you that every sacred building, monument, Holy spot, shrine, traditional site, endowment, pious bequest, or customary place of prayer, of whatsoever form of the three religions, will be maintained and protected according to the existing customs and beliefs of those to whose faiths they are sacred.

The British in Jerusalem.

Unlike the bombastic and spectacular entry of the GERMAN EMPEROR who, though in reality a Cook's tourist, rode into the city in the theatrical guise of a conqueror, and proceeded to preach a political sermon in a German church — GENERAL ALLENBY and his companions were on foot, and made no effort to impress the imagination of spectators. . . News travels fast in the East, and we imagine that the siders of the entry of the British Commander and his Allied Staff into the Holy City, as of the just and tolerant spirit that has informed his dispositions, will quickly spread through every Oriental bazaar and community. . .

At a moment when Christendom is torn by strife, let loose through the apostate ambitions of those who have returned in practice to the sanguinary worship of their "Old German god", it stands forth as a sign that the righteousness and justice that are the souls of Christian ethics guide Christian victors even in the flush of triumph.

## Towards forgiveness

From the Reverend Peter Timms

Sir, The Home Secretary's alleged reluctance to allow Myra Hindley to visit Saddleworth Moor may signal an end to this particular media-inspired enterprise.

On October 31, 1986, Mrs Johnson, the mother of the missing boy, Keith Bennett, wrote to Myra Hindley seeking her help. That letter Miss Hindley discussed personally with me, fearing that if she replied herself, her motives would be misrepresented by the Press and media generally.

Her fears were soon realized and her genuine desire to help Mrs Johnson quickly captured by the initiative of the *Today* newspaper, who, on November 11, broke the story of the police enquiry. The subsequent media attention, innuendo and in some cases gross fabrication made any reply to Mrs Johnson almost impossible.

## Fight against Aids

From the Reverend Nicholas Aiken

Sir, Mr John Stokes's letter (December 4) is an embarrassing comment on the Church, essentially because he is right.

The Church of England all too frequently, in its effort to understand and care for people of different views and practices, loses sight of its distinctive Christian ethic.

Sex is for marriage; indeed an unpopular message in our hedonistic society, but we have failed to possess the courage to convey that message. Sadly now many are reaping the consequences of permissive sexual activity. They are, however, the ones we have really failed.

Yours faithfully,  
NICHOLAS AIKEN (Diocesan Youth Officer),  
Diocese of Guildford,  
Education Department,  
Diocesan House, Quarry Street,  
Guildford, Surrey,  
December 8.

## Value of white bread

From the Director of the Scottish Association of Master Bakers

Sir, I must protest against the implications in the article "The unhealthy subsidy" (November 27), and in the cartoon alongside that white bread is a major factor in poor diets.

The Scottish Health Education Group, an arm of the Scottish Office, stressed earlier this year that overall consumption of all bread should be increased, reinforcing the conclusions of the report by the Government's committee on the medical aspects of food.

White bread contains an average of 33 per cent of the fibre of wholemeal and the group points out that "although the lowest of the (bread) fibre groups, white bread is still a valuable source of dietary fibre."

The main criticism of the common agricultural policy's cereal regime should not be of its differential effect on various wheat varieties but of the major distortion it causes elsewhere. Best-quality North American wheat is being offered at £105 to £110 per tonne, but on top of that

## Unfitting response

From Miss Margaret Slack

Sir, I received this week from the Inland Revenue a demand for quite a substantial sum of money. A prepaid reply envelope was enclosed. Printed on the payslip was the instruction, "Do not fold the payslip". On the envelope the exhortation that the slip should be UNFOLDED (capital letters) was repeated.

Since the payslip was wider than the envelope provided for its despatch I am at a loss to know how I was expected to comply with the instruction.

Yours faithfully,  
MARGARET SLACK,  
2 Percy Street,  
Bingley, West Yorkshire,  
November 29.

## Pay troubles ahead

From Professor Emeritus T. Barna

Sir, Willard Benjamin's excellent article (November 26) on the Chancellor's U-turn by no means exhausts the problems that are piling up for the Government.

For several years now the incomes of large sections of the population — mainly those receiving pensions or other social benefits, retired Civil Servants and teachers, and many of those in public services — may have kept pace with the rise in the index of retail prices but have cumulatively, and by now substantially, fallen behind the more rapid rise in average wages.

At present, by the standards of recent years inflation is at a low level, in large part as the result of the fall in the world prices of commodities and food (which, in its turn causes serious problems in poor countries). But, within the UK, the suppression of claims by the economically weak also contributed to the fall in inflation.

History has shown that such increase in inequality between those in strong and those in weak economic positions is feasible in the short run, but in the longer run social pressure for fairness is likely to reassert itself. When this happens, the chance of an inflationary explosion will be that much greater.

Yours faithfully,  
T. BARNA,  
Beaenacre,  
Westminster,  
Hassocks, Sussex,  
November 26.

## Peripheral vision

From Mr W. McMillan

Sir, Your Science Report (December 3) on road accidents and peripheral vision prompts me to ask how many people suffer, like me, from extreme agitation when driving over or past black and white stripes at junctions and tunnels?

These so-called safety markings are, for me, the opposite. Instead of driving calmly at these critical points I find myself severely distracted.

Migraine sufferers must find them a dangerous trigger to their condition.

Yours faithfully,  
BILL McMILLAN,  
36 Hill House Close,  
Turners Hill, West Sussex,  
December 8.

## Winning margins

From the President of the Association of Track and Field Statisticians

Sir, In his article ("Spectrum", December 2) on Britain's successes in the 1956 Olympic Games, William Greaves states that Derek Johnson lost a gold medal "in the closest finish to a middle-distance event in Olympic history".

That is a view based more on emotion than fact: Tom Courtney's winning margin of 0.13 sec. (1m 47.75 to 1m 47.88) was by no means the smallest ever recorded. Josy Barthel won the 1952 1,500 metres by 0.11 sec. (3m 45.28 to 3m 45.39); in 1960, Peter Snell won his first 800 metres gold medal with a 0.07 sec. margin (1m 46.48 to 1m 46.55); while Dave Wottle took the 1972 800 metres title by a mere 0.03 sec. (1m 45.86 to 1m 45.89).

Yours faithfully,  
BOB SPARKS (President,  
Association of Track and Field Statisticians),  
94 Reigate Road,  
Ewell, Epsom, Surrey,  
December 3.

## Docklands airport

From Mr Patrick Cormack, MP for Staffordshire South (Conservative)

Sir, Your diarist refers (December 8) to discussion over the name for the new Docklands airport. What could be more appropriate than to name it after the man who did more than any other to save London this century and call it Churchill?

Yours faithfully,  
PATRICK CORMACK,  
House of Commons,  
December 8.

## Badgering badgers

From Mr Dominick Martelli

Sir, It is all very well for Sir Christopher Lever (December 5) to want to extend the Badgers Act 1973 to prohibit disturbing or destroying their sets, but those of us who have put up with a resident (rent-free) member of Mr Brock's family feel strongly that the Act goes quite far enough.

My badger has made himself extremely comfortable in a dry sandy bank, seriously undermining the garden wall, which is a listed building. The most recent extension of his dwelling involves pulling out some bricks in the direction of the house, and not a cricket pitch's distance from my back door, emerging inside one of the outbuildings.

Before he moves into my house, I intend to serve notice on him in no uncertain terms. Any suggestions from your readers as to the most effective, and at the same time duly courteous, method of so doing would be much appreciated.

Yours faithfully,  
DOMINICK MARTELLI,  
Wooth Manor,  
Bridport, Dorset,  
December 8.

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BIRTHS, MARRIAGES DEATHS

BIRTHS

if any man have an ear, let him hear. Revelation 13 9

BIRTHS

POWERS-LYON - On December 11th, to Harriet and David, a daughter, Charlotte.

BILL - On November 30th, in Oxford to Pauline and Nicholas, a son, Peter William Nicholas.

CARTER - On December 11th, to Louise (nee Ford) and Nicholas, a son, George.

CHALMERS - On December 4th, to Judith and Timothy, a son, William Hugh.

CONNOLLY - On December 7th, to Catherine (nee Cooper) and Patrick, a son, Peter William.

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ISAACS - On December 11th 1986, to Alan and Alison, a son, David.

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MCNEIL - On December 11th 1986, to Ellen and Peter, a son, Alexander.

OSGAIN - On December 6th 1986, to Leanne and Stephen, a daughter, Sophie.

REYNOLDS - On December 4th, to Mrs. M. Reynolds, a daughter, Victoria.

SHERRINS - On December 6th 1986, to Victoria and Robert, a son, James.

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WOOD - On December 11th, to Susan and Andrew, a daughter, Frances.

MARRIAGES

MADGE/STRAFORTE - On November 29th, to Madge and Robert, a daughter, Victoria.

REYNOLDS - On December 4th, to Mrs. M. Reynolds, a daughter, Victoria.

DEATHS

CLUTTON - On December 11th 1986, Rev. loved husband of Maria, father of Frances and James.

DEATHS

CARTER - On December 10th, Hubert George of Wyckham, Kent, aged 96 years. A man for all seasons.

CHARLTON - On December 9th, peacefully at the Royal Marsden Hospital, Chelsea, London, aged 82 years.

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Doctor cleared of raping girl, 8

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The prosecution alleged that the girl was asleep in a room when the doctor came in, pulled back the duvet and raped her.

The doctor then allegedly threatened the girl with one of two guns he kept in his bedroom in order to keep her quiet, the prosecution had claimed.

The office of the DPP would not comment on the verdict or the case.

Mr Lewis added: "All the doctor wishes to do now is to go back to work at his job as a consultant anaesthetist. His life from now on must be difficult because of the enormous publicity contained in the daily newspapers."

A spokesman for The Sun said last night that despite the verdict, the judge's order that prosecution costs should be met from central funds was the "clearest possible indication" that the newspaper had acted properly in funding the case.

"We believe it is a matter of the utmost concern that an eight-year-old girl has been sexually abused and the guilty party, whoever he is, has not been brought to justice," he said. "The Sun offers its deepest sympathy to the child and her mother who have shown great courage in the face of an agonizing ordeal."

Mr Geoffrey Dickens, Conservative MP for Littleborough and Saddleworth, who earlier this year named the doctor in a House of Commons question, said last night: "I feel what I did was right."

"There are special elements here. A doctor is a person of supreme trust. I thought it was right that this case should come to trial to be tested. It is very important for a child to be heard."

"One acquiesces with the findings of the jury."

Mr Dickens also named in the Commons a vicar from Humberston, the Rev. Ian Knos, who was charged with 28 offences concerning children. Mr Knos died in prison.

Case background, page 3

The Queen's swan back at Slimbridge



By Kenneth Gosling

The Queen's own special swan, called Coronation, arrived back at the Wildfowl Trust, Slimbridge, Gloucestershire, this week - the ninth year she has flown the 2,300 miles from Arctic breeding grounds to Swan Lake.

The Queen is a subscriber to Slimbridge's swan support scheme and "adopted" Coronation in silver jubilee year, 1977.

But there is concern about the non-appearance of another Bewick's swan who is at least 26 years old and has never missed a year.

"We hope he is safe on the Continent," said Ruth Bennett, as warden Barry Stewart fed grain to the birds, including some of the 90 Bewick's swans, who have arrived at the lake. Photograph: Harry Kerr

US tries to reassure allies

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The communique said Nato supported Washington's search for "balanced, equitable and effectively verifiable arms control agreements". This included a 50 per cent reduction in American and Soviet strategic forces and the "evolutionary elimination" of intermediate range forces (INF) in Europe, provided there were "follow on negotiations" over the threat posed by Soviet shorter range missiles.

Nato also strongly supported the American view on space weapons. "Moscow knows Reagan's last two years in office must not be wasted,"

one senior official said. The communique described Reykjavik as a milestone and endorsed American determination to negotiate agree-

'£60 m' to refine Sellafeld

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and was dealing with it openly. The communique endorsed Thursday's Brussels declaration on preparations in Vienna for new conventional arms talks with the Warsaw Pact. Ministers said post-Reykjavik moves toward nuclear disarmament had made a reduction in the Warsaw Pact's conventional advantage all the more vital.

Mr Shultz later went to the EEC Commission for talks with M Jacques Delors, the EEC Commission President.

The United States has set a deadline of December 31 for settlement of its complaint that EEC enlargement has badly hit American food exports to Spain, and is threatening to retaliate against European exports.

WEATHER

A deep depression will be slow moving in the North Atlantic. The SE half of England may start with rain, but it will clear, then a lot of bright or sunny weather over England and Wales, but showers will affect many western and northern areas, with a few running across the east. Scotland and Northern Ireland will have a windy and cold day, with showers, which will fall as sleet or snow, and may merge to give longer spells of showery rain or snow. Although temperatures will be not too far from normal, the strong winds will keep the weather feeling cold. Outlook for tomorrow and Monday: Dry and bright start tomorrow, but rain will spread across most areas later in the day. Unsettled with rain on Monday, becoming clearer later.

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 17,228

Grid for crossword puzzle with clues for Across and Down.

From today, the new publication, The Times Concise Atlas of the World, will be given for the first five correct solutions opened each Thursday. Entries should be addressed to: The Times, Saturday Crossword Competition, PO Box 486, Virginia Street, London E1 9DD. The winners and solutions will be published next Saturday.

The winners of last Saturday's competition are: Mrs J. Allen, Polbain, Acherbitue, Ross-shire; M R Beauchamp, South Avenue, Sherborne, Dorset; Mrs M B Boucher, Queen Street, Castletown, Isle of Man.

Grid for crossword puzzle with clues for Across and Down.

- ACROSS
1 Give warning of harbour limit (7).
5 What an alarming blood count (7).
9 Pair take in champion horse (5).
10 Deliverance of the army so valiant and free (9).
11 Concentration of high tarts? (5).
12 Male voice, noiseless in Stoke Poges (5).
13 Members' divisions brought up at party meetings (5).
15 Corinthian letter-opener (9).
18 Religious state doing less reconstruction (9).
19 Tendency of old penny to think (5).
21 Topping stuff for severe cold symptoms (5).
23 Sage round a ham - with Irish stew? (9).
25 The Camptown tower has a knocker (9).
27 Balance to settle around the fourth of January (7).
28 Cape bird is trapped in reservoir (7).

Today's events

Royal engagements
The Duchess of Gloucester, President of the National Children's Home, attends a concert at the Fairfield Halls, Croydon, 7.25.
New exhibitions
Nan Hoover, Kettle's Yard Gallery, Castle St, Cambridge.
Danish paintings and sculpture, Ferns Art Gallery, Queen Victoria Square, Hull.
Contemporary woodcuts, Museum and Art Gallery, Foregate St, Worcester.

Tomorrow's events

Royal engagements
Princess Margaret attends a gala at Sadler's Wells Theatre in aid of the National Council for the Parents, Families and Maria House Children's Hospice, 6.30.
Last chance to see
Portrait work by British photographers 1935-1985, Mappin Art Gallery, Weston Park, Sheffield.
Music
Berlioz: L'Enfance du Christ; Snape Maltings Concert Hall, Aldeburgh, Suffolk, 3.
Informal children's concert with Richard McNeil, Free Trade Hall, Manchester, 7.30.
Carols: Bethell Choral Society, De La Warr Pavilion, Bechill-on-Sea, Sussex, 3.
Mozart Orchestra and Choir; Clarendon Suite, Edgubaston, Birmingham, 7.45.
General
Gainsborough Model Railway Society: Layout based on ex-LNER main line from King's Lynn to Leam. Florence Terrace, off 11th Street, Gainsborough, Lincs, 1.30-6.30.
Celebrity Book Fair: Britannia Hotel, Portland St, Manchester, 12.30-5.30.

Anniversaries

TODAY:
Births: Heinrich Heine, poet and journalist, Düsseldorf, 1797.
Deaths: Donatello, sculptor, Florence, 1466; Samuel Johnson, London, 1784; Wassily Kandinsky, abstract painter, Neudilly-sur-Seine, 1944.
TOMORROW:
Births: James Bruce, explorer, Kinnaird, 1730.
Deaths: Carl Philipp Emanuel Bach, Hamburg, 1788; George Washington, first president of the U.S.A 1789-96, Mount Vernon, Virginia, 1799; Albert, prince consort of Queen Victoria, Windsor, 1861; Stanley Baldwin, 1st earl Baldwin of Bewdley, prime minister 1923-24, 1924-29, 1935-37, Astley House, Salisbury, 1948.
Juhos Kusti Paasikivi, president of Finland 1946-56, Helsinki, 1956; Sir Stanley Spencer, painter, Chiveden, Berks, 1959.

Roads

London and South-east: Tottenham High Road: Lane restrictions, west West Green Road, A105: Single line both directions. Wood Green, Olympic International Horse Show, delays likely in Epsom Court.
The Midlands: M5: Contrailow at junctions 5 and 6 (Droitwich and Worcester North). M50: Contrailow east of junction 4 (Rugby-on-Wye). A1: Contrailow north of Newark at Cromwell.
The North: M18: Contrailow delays between junctions 1 and 2 (Rothwell and A1M). M67: Roadworks north-bound between junctions 3 and 8 (Bolton). A1: Delays Wetherby bypass.
Wales and the West: A4: Lane restrictions between junctions 34 and 35 (Llantrisant and Bridgend). A51: Delays between Rhinowood and Wincoburn due to building of Fernwood bypass. A55: Delays between Llandudno Junction and Glen Conwy corner.
Scotland: M8: Lane closures and diversions. A74: Lane closures. A84: Delays south of Stonehaven due to roadwork.

The pound

Table showing exchange rates for various currencies like Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, France, Germany, Hong Kong, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, Thailand, West Germany, and Yugoslavia.

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Lighting-up time
LONDON: 4.22 pm to 7.28 am
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AROUND BRITAIN

Table showing weather conditions (Sun, Rain, Max, Min) for various locations including Scarborough, Brighton, Bristol, Cardiff, Exeter, Glasgow, Liverpool, London, Manchester, Newcastle, Norwich, Oxford, Plymouth, Southampton, Swansea, and Tyneside.

ABROAD

Table showing weather conditions for various international locations including Alicante, Alexandria, Algiers, Amsterdam, Ankara, Athens, Barcelona, Beijing, Bern, Bogota, Bombay, Buenos Aires, Calcutta, Cairo, Canberra, Caracas, Chicago, Copenhagen, Curitiba, Dallas, Delhi, Dhaka, Detroit, Dublin, Frankfurt, Geneva, Harbin, Helsinki, Hong Kong, Istanbul, Jakarta, Johannesburg, Kuala Lumpur, London, Lyons, Madrid, Manila, Mexico City, Miami, Moscow, Ottawa, Paris, Perth, Rome, Seoul, Singapore, Stockholm, Sydney, Taipei, Toronto, Vancouver, Wellington, Wichita, Zurich.

Letter from Brussels
Queueing at the EEC crossroads

At Brussels airport the visitor is greeted by a large sign saying "Welcome to Belgium - the Crossroads of Europe." Some Belgian politicians and EEC officials would now like to go further and have Brussels declared "the Capital of Europe", rather as Washington DC is the capital of a Federation in the United States. After all, the argument runs (put forward by, among others, Mr Jos Chabert, a Belgian senator), we are moving towards a united Europe, and Brussels is already the home of the EEC and Nato. Moreover, Brussels symbolizes (in theory) multinational harmony as the capital of both Flanders and Wallonia, the Flemish and French-speaking regions of Belgium. As we approach the distant goal of a true Common Market by 1992 and national frontiers dissolve (terrorism and drug trafficking permitting), Brussels is supposed to symbolize the concept of a European nation, along with other symbols such as the new European passport and the new European flag. One year after arriving in Brussels from Moscow, however, with frequent travel through Brussels airport to London, Strasbourg (where the European Parliament sits), The Hague and other EEC centres, I can report that the gap between European rhetoric and reality remains wide. There can be few more irritating experiences, for example, than to join the often long passport queues at Brussels airport and find that despite the high-flown theory there is no separate queue for EEC citizens. Heathrow, by contrast, is a model Euro-conscious airport, with a well-displayed EEC channel. Brussels residents have to spend long hours queueing at their local town hall (or commune) in order to gain - and then periodically renew - residents' permits for themselves and their families. As at the airport, no distinction is made between EEC citizens and non-European immigrants. In other words, despite the presence of the EEC Commission at the Berlaymont, the Council of Ministers at the Charlemagne building, and Nato, not to mention the massive influx of multinational companies who want to be on the spot where European economic and political decisions are made, the Bravelloises themselves naturally regard Brussels first and foremost as the capital of the Kingdom of Belgium. Over one in four Brussels residents is a foreigner, and some put it higher at one in three. Yet the Eurocrats have not taken over the city, and the burghers of Brussels go about their daily lives in shops and cafes untouched by dreams at the Berlaymont of Washington-style grandeur. The problem for the city fathers is how to keep things this way as the proportion of foreigners rises to one-third or more, and as both power and institutions gravitate towards Brussels. Already the European Parliament at Strasbourg in France has voted funds for the building of a new parliamentary chamber in Brussels, where the Parliament already has its palatial committee rooms, thus suggesting that the Euro MPs, like international businessmen, want to be at the centre of events. Several Brussels communes are competing to supply the site for yet another ultra-modern Euro building to add to the Brussels skyline. This would at least reduce the practical difficulties - and extravagance - involved in periodically transporting Euro-mps, their staff and lorry-loads of documents from Brussels to Strasbourg, often with a stop mid-way in Luxembourg, where the Parliament has its Secretariat. It would also make life easier for Euro-mps, some of whom complain that French immigration officials insist on stamping their passports on arrival at Strasbourg Airport, an act which is technically contrary to EEC law, which is intended to do away with such time-consuming formalities. Richard Owen

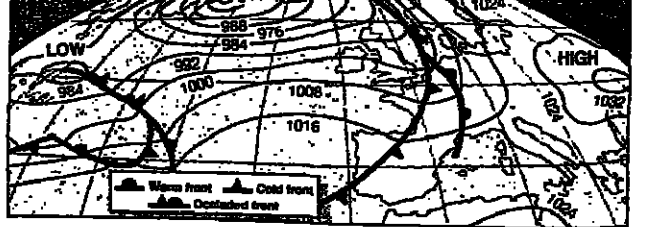
WEATHER

Weather maps for AM and PM showing cloud cover and precipitation over the UK and Europe.

HIGH TIDES

Table showing high tide times for various locations including London Bridge, Avonmouth, Cardiff, Devonport, Dover, Falmouth, Glasgow, Harwich, Holyhead, Hull, Liverpool, Lowestoft, Margate, Milford Haven, Newcastle, Oban, Penzance, Portland, Portsmouth, Southampton, Swansea, Tyneside, and Wex-on-Isle.

NOON TODAY



ABROAD

Table showing weather conditions for various international locations including Alicante, Alexandria, Algiers, Amsterdam, Ankara, Athens, Barcelona, Beijing, Bern, Bogota, Bombay, Buenos Aires, Calcutta, Cairo, Canberra, Caracas, Chicago, Copenhagen, Curitiba, Dallas, Delhi, Dhaka, Detroit, Dublin, Frankfurt, Geneva, Harbin, Helsinki, Hong Kong, Istanbul, Jakarta, Johannesburg, Kuala Lumpur, London, Lyons, Madrid, Manila, Mexico City, Miami, Moscow, Ottawa, Paris, Perth, Rome, Seoul, Singapore, Stockholm, Sydney, Taipei, Toronto, Vancouver, Wellington, Wichita, Zurich.



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BUSINESS AND FINANCE

THE TIMES

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Executive Editor  
Kenneth Fleet

**STOCK MARKET**

FT 30 Share  
1280.4 (-4.3)

FT-SE 100  
1629.8 (-4.2)

Bargains  
30340 (31290)

USM (Datastream)  
129.44 (-0.26)

**THE POUND**

US Dollar  
1.4285 (+0.0050)

W German mark  
2.8813 (+0.0115)

Trade-weighted  
68.7 (+0.4)

Hunter in £19m deal for Foodco

Hunter Saphir, the food and distribution group, is buying four food companies from S&W Berisford, the commodities and sugar conglomerate, in a deal worth up to £19.8 million. The terms will give Berisford a 20 per cent stake in Hunter.

Shares deal investigation

Two inspectors have been appointed by Mr Paul Channon, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, to investigate whether an employee of British and Commonwealth Shipping has breached the insider dealing laws.

Tilbury stake

Raine Industries, the housebuilder and commercial property developer, is buying a 20.3 per cent stake in Tilbury, the construction, mechanical services and property group, for £8.8 million in shares.

Takeover plea

A joint deputation from St Helens Council and the unions is to meet Mr Paul Channon, the Trade and Industry Secretary, on Monday to argue against BTR's proposed takeover of Pilkington Glass.

Brewer ahead

Pretax profits from Greene, King & Sons, the Suffolk based brewer, grew from £4.4 million to £5 million in the 26 weeks to the beginning of November 1986. Turnover increased by 8 per cent to £46.7 million. An interim dividend of 1.96p was declared. *Tempus*, page 23

Listing sought

MIL Research Group, a market research company, is seeking a full stock market listing through a placing by County Bank of 3.98 million shares at 144p. Phillips & Drew are brokers to the issue. *Tempus*, page 23

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**STOCK MARKETS**

New York 1917.74 (-5.91)  
Dow Jones 1917.74 (-5.91)  
Tokyo 18830.64 (+99.38)  
Nikkei Dow 18830.64 (+99.38)  
Hong Kong 2483.23 (-3.90)  
Hang Seng 2483.23 (-3.90)  
Amsterdam Gen 286.1 (+0.1)  
Sydney AO 1437.7 (+0.3)  
Frankfurt 2051.1 (-11.8)  
Commerzbank 2051.1 (-11.8)  
Geneva 4098.57 (-29.63)  
Paris CAC 412.5 (-0.9)  
Zurich SKA Gen 581.70 (-1.90)  
London: FT. A 1280.4 (-4.3)  
FT. Gilt 82.24 (+0.80)  
FT. Shares 1629.8 (-4.2)

Closing prices Page 25

INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 11%  
3-month interbank 11%  
3-month eligible bills 10%  
buying rate

US: Prime Rate 7%  
Federal Funds 5%  
3-month Treasury Bills 5.47-5.49%  
30-year bonds 10 1/8-10 1/4

CURRENCIES

London: New York  
£: \$1.4285  
DM: DM2.8813  
Sw: Sfr1.6925  
Yen: Yen162.80  
Index: 68.7

New York: New York  
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Cash mountain suggests ABF may launch New Year bid

Flour group to raise £148m

Associated British Foods, the Sunblest bread to flour milling group, is raising £148 million through an issue of new shares. The share sale will reduce the holding of the founding Weston family below the 35 per cent level and end the group's status as a closed company. The move will also boost ABF's cash mountain to nearly £1 billion and leave it poised for a substantial takeover which, according to City sources, is likely early in the new year. The shares were placed in the City's biggest ever "bought deal." County Securities, part of the National Westminster Bank group, subscribed for the whole of the issue after a competitive tender involving two other leading securities houses. County bought the stock at 31 1/2p and, with Panmure Gordon, the broker, placed it at the same price. The price represented a discount of about 4 per cent on Thursday's average market prices.

Guinness stake was not notified

Inflation rate jumps to 3.5%

The speculation surrounding the investigation by the Department of Trade and Industry into Guinness intensified yesterday when Schenley Industries admitted that it had failed to notify a disclosure stake it built up in Guinness in the later stages of its bid for Distillers. It emerged yesterday that lawyers acting for Schenley, which distributes Dewar's whisky for Guinness in the United States, wrote to Guinness on Wednesday, saying that it had acquired 16.65 million Guinness shares - 5.27 per cent of the company - by April 17, the day before the Guinness bid for Distillers was declared unconditional. On April 18, Schenley said, it bought a further 950,000 shares. Schenley said that its interest in Guinness was reduced below 5 per cent after the bid and that it now owns 3.5 per cent of the enlarged company. Schenley distributed Dewar's whisky for Distillers in the US, and took over the distribution for Guinness. In addition, it is taking over the US distribution of Gordon's Gin - another Distillers' product - for Guinness. Schenley said that its failure to disclose that it had more than 5 per cent of Guinness was because of ignorance of the provisions of the Companies Act 1985. Schenley is a subsidiary of the Rapid American Company, owned by Mr Meshulam Riklis. A spokesman for Mr Riklis said yesterday that he did not want to comment. Under American law there is a requirement to notify the SEC of any stake of more than 5 per cent acquired in a public company. A Guinness spokesman said yesterday that the company had not been aware of any disclosure stake held by Schenley until the letter from Schenley's lawyers arrived. If Guinness had known of the stake it would be in breach of the Takeover Code and its listing agreement with the Stock Exchange for failing to notify the panel and the exchange. The Schenley revelation also suggests that it had a big holding of Distillers shares which were converted into Guinness shares after the successful bid. This is because Schenley now holds 3.5 per cent of the enlarged Guinness - about 29 million Guinness shares. This is 11.4 million shares more than the 17.6 million shares it bought and disclosed yesterday.



Garry Weston: 'We had to disclose the company'

£164m spent to woo Sid

The pursuit of Sid, the mythical first-time investor, has cost the Government £164 million. It was hoped that the Sid advertising campaign would lead to a huge oversubscription for British Gas shares. The Department of Energy - which saw the offer oversubscribed and regards the sale as a huge success, although fewer small investors than anticipated applied for shares - received a total of £5.35 billion for the shares. With British Gas due to repay £2.4 billion of debt to the Government that means the Exchequer will receive £7.75 billion for the sale. The cost of the sell-off has been calculated by Mr Peter Walker, Secretary of State for Energy, at 2 per cent of the total raised. This compares with the 4 per cent, or £152 million, of the £3.9 billion raised through the sale of British Telecommunications. The largest proportion of the £164 million costs, £75 million, was attributed to underwriting the issue and paying for market commissions, with £29 million of this being swallowed up by the cost of pre-sale market research - printing and direct mail shots. This means the Post Office, as a nationalized industry, received a large chunk of the revenue. This revenue will be included in its accounts and, ultimately, could make it look a likely candidate for privatization, possibly depending on the charms of Sid's wife, Doris, to stimulate public interest. The creation of Sid himself cost less than £3 million.

Murdoch buys new stake in H&WT

Sydney (Reuter) - Mr Rupert Murdoch's News Corporation, which is bidding for the Herald and Weekly Times media group, has bought Industrial Equity Limited's 11.9 per cent stake in H & WT. News Corporation, which publishes four national newspapers in Britain, including The Times and The Sunday Times, paid Aus\$220.45 million (£101 million) cash for IEL's 18.37 million shares, equal to its proposed offer of Aus\$12 a share. Media analysts said that the sale of IEL's stake strengthened their earlier view that News Corporation's bid for H & WT was likely to succeed. IEL, controlled by Mr Ron Brierley, the New Zealand entrepreneur, and Mr Robert Holmes a Court's Bell Group, were seen as the most likely counter-bidders to News Corporation's proposed offer. IEL has sold out at a profit of some Aus\$100 million while Mr Holmes a Court suggested at last week's annual meeting of Bell shareholders that he has his eye on News Corporation's proposed divestments of parts of H & WT and not the group, media analysts said. Mr Holmes a Court said that he had been negotiating the purchase of parts of the H & WT group only the day before Mr Murdoch unveiled his Aus\$1.8 billion bid. He added that he did not know what Bell would end up with from the H & WT takeover but assured shareholders it would emerge with something. Brierley companies comprise the largest media group in New Zealand and, like Mr Holmes a Court, Mr Brierley has made no secret of his desire to become a force in the Australian media.

Morgan Grenfell buys US broker

Morgan Grenfell, the merchant banking and securities group, yesterday announced its long-expected move into the US securities market with the purchase of Cyrus J Lawrence, the New York stockbroker, for \$70 million (£49 million) in cash. Mr John Holmes, the Morgan director mainly responsible for building up the group's securities operations, said: "It is never cheap to buy a New York firm, but we believe we have paid a fair price although a considerable proportion of it was for goodwill." CJL has a staff of 250. Morgan has 500 securities staff in London. In the year to September 26 it made £10 million in pretax profits, with assets of £26.4 million. CJL has small underwriting, fund management and investment banking interests. The broker is small in US terms, but has a respected research team, particularly in areas such as oil and economics. Morgan does not expect any staff changes and several directors and senior executives will enter into service contracts when the acquisition is completed. The broker, which has 1,200 corporate clients, will continue to operate under the same name. The move is a significant advance for Morgan's ambitions to build a worldwide securities business. Mr Holmes said: "Clearly we need a major representation in the US, but it would have been more expensive to do it by starting up from scratch." Morgan has significant corporate finance and fund management operations in New York. He added that there would be considerable exchange of expertise between London and New York. "We hope, for example, to sell more UK and European stocks to US investors - something we hardly do at all at present," he said. Elsewhere, Morgan has been invited to apply for a securities licence in Japan and is also establishing a presence in Singapore and Australia.

UK factory hits 95 cars per day target

Nissan in top gear

The Government-backed Nissan car factory at Washington, Tyne and Wear, has reached its output target of 95 cars a day - two years after the ground was broken on the greenfield site. This was unprecedented in Britain and had occurred, the company said yesterday, in "a notoriously depressed area never previously engaged in the motor industry." Nissan said that the build-rate would be creditable even for an established manufacturer. Employment at Washington was also on course, with the 470 employees required for the first phase of the project now on the payroll. They were "almost 100 per cent British and to a large extent locally recruited," a spokesman said. The company, whose plans are being scrutinized by the Department of Trade and Industry and the established motor companies, said that its initial plan for 40 per cent European content of the Washington-built Bluebird cars had been increased and was likely to reach 50 per cent within the first year of production. While the cars are at present being built from imported Japanese-made kits, the number of British component suppliers involved in the project has risen from 27 - the figure announced when the Prime Minister opened the factory in September - to 58, with a further nine Continental suppliers.

Oil buyers look for Opec pact

Buyers on the world oil markets are sending the price upwards in the hope that Opec, now meeting in Geneva, will decide to trim output and move back to a fixed price system set at \$18 a barrel. Although many oil traders take the view that an agreement made in haste will be broken just as quickly, the markets have sent the oil price up to almost \$16 for the first time this year. The price for North Sea Brent crude for delivery in mid-January was quoted yesterday at about \$15.85. Some cargoes reportedly changed hands at higher rates. Sheikh Ali Khalifa al Sabah, the Kuwaiti oil minister, yesterday described the meeting as a demonstration of the "new Opec". He said there was a new political will within the group. "If we make progress on pricing, everything else will fall in." But this has yet to be translated into each country accepting new output quotas.

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WALL STREET

Prices drop amid fears about Opec intentions

New York (Reuters) - Share prices fell in tandem with the bond market amid fears that Opec would be able to engineer production cuts to lift the price of oil.

This, in turn, created some concern about inflation despite yesterday's report of a slim 0.2 per cent rise in the November producer prices, traders said.

Oil shares, however, were boosted, although early enthusiasm waned when it was reported that the Saudis have not offered a cut in oil output.

Exxon rose 3/4 to 70 1/2 and Mobil 1/2 to 39 1/2.

Blue chips continued to outperform the broader mar-

ket in moderately active early trading.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell a fraction to 1,923. Declines led advances six to five on a volume of 29 million shares.

Among the early gainers was British Gas which was up 1/2 to 9 1/2.

Walt Disney rose 1 point to 46 1/2. Union Carbide led the actives with a gain of 1/2 to 22 1/2.

The New York Stock Exchange composite index stood at 141.96, down 0.06. Standard & Poor's 100 index was 0.01 up, to 236.19.

Table with columns for company names and stock prices. Includes companies like AAR, Allied Signal, Amstar, etc.

COMPANY NEWS

BRISTOL EVENING POST: Interim dividend 11p

(9p). Figures in £000 for six months to September 30. Three-for-one scrip issue proposed. Turnover 23,273 (21,648), pre-tax profit 2,211 (1,907), tax 813 (799), profit after tax 1,398 (1,108). Earnings per share 22.5p (18.3).

The board, while expressing caution about any forecast for the full year, said that existing signs on profitability remained encouraging.

ELECTRONIC DATA PROCESSING: Final dividend 1.75p compared with forecast 1.6p. Figures in £000 for year to September 30. Turnover 9,121 (4,910), pre-tax profit 984 (604), tax 330 (267), earnings per share 1.75p (1.25p).

LEICOM INC: Dividend 30.01p. Turnover for the year to August 31 (figures in £000) 8,042 (10,527). Pretax profit 15.1p (11.5p).

HICKING PENTECOST: Turnover for the half-year to Sept. 30 (figures in £000) 7,472 (6,297). Pretax profit 131 (loss 6,297). Tax nil (same). Extraordinary debit nil (24). Net earnings per stock unit 2.05p (loss 2.39p).

SW WOOD GROUP: No interim dividend (same). Turnover for the half-year to Sept. 30/86 (figures in £000) 6,709 (7,245). Operating loss 106 (7). Loss per share 2.7p (eps 0.1p).

The board reports that there has been a decline in gross profit earned and expenses increased which account for the reduction in operating result.

per cent, the Netherlands, which showed a 31 per cent gain and Japan, which was 29 per cent better.

Its two largest markets - the United States and China - both showed increases of 11 per cent, while domestic exports to Britain were up 17 per cent, with clothing alone showing a 33 per cent gain to HK \$963 million.

Exports have been boosted by the relative weakness of the HK dollar, which is linked to the US dollar.

Hong Kong exports show 17% increase

From Stephen Leather, Hong Kong

Hong Kong's economy is booming, according to government figures released yesterday.

They show that the crown colony's exports in the first 10 months of this year were 17 per cent greater compared with the same period last year, at HK \$123.7 billion (£11.2 billion).

Hong Kong has been particularly successful in France, where exports were up 47 per cent, West Germany, where there was a rise of 40

Market uncertain about flight path of satellite TV

By Richard Lander

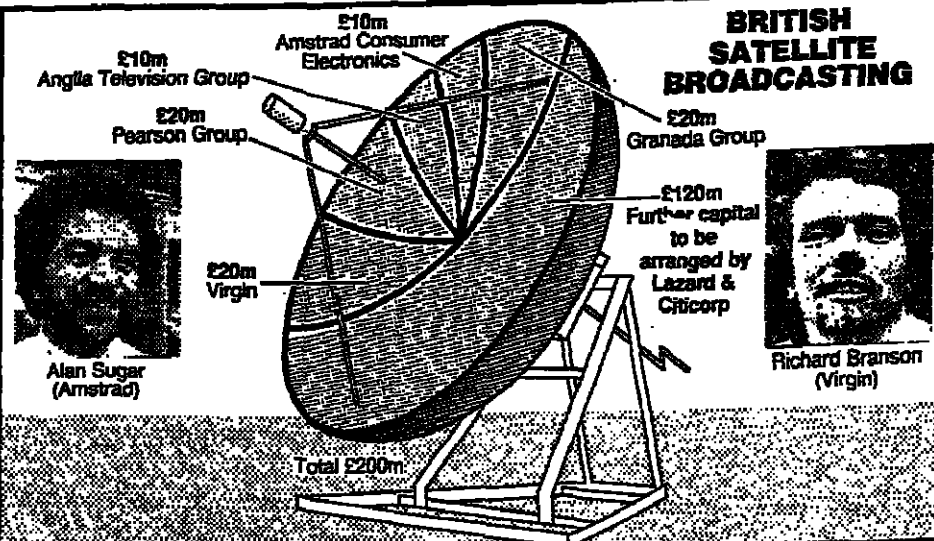
There is little doubt that the satellites will get up into the ether: what is more uncertain is whether Direct Broadcasting by Satellite (DBS), the future shock of television, will climb high enough, say enough to provide the winning consortium's members with a bumper return on their £500 million-plus investment.

If the public falls in love with British Satellite Broadcasting's mixture of news, entertainment, films and children's programmes, DBS could be screening a space-age version of that long-running soap opera "A Licence to Print Money", first seen at the birth of independent television in the 1950s.

But if the new service, due to go live in 1990, is shunned by consumers who feel quite happy with conventionally-supplied fare, we may be treated to a tearful tragedy entitled "The Great White Elephant Show".

The stock market appears as uncertain as any group of observers. When the decision was announced on Thursday, shares in the five members - Granada Group, Amstrad Consumer Electronics, Anglia Television Group, Pearson Group and Virgin Group - all made useful single figure advances.

But then so did Carlton Communications, Saatchi & Saatchi and LWT Holdings, all of which were members of the unsuccessful DBS UK consortium.



Between them, the five members are subscribing £80 million of the initial capital round. The remaining £120 million is being arranged by Citicorp and Lazard Brothers, the merchant banks, who hope to spread the risk among six to 12 other investors. These outsiders, which might include other ITV contractors, have to be approved by the Independent Broadcasting Authority.

The largest cost of the whole operation, approximately £200 million, will of course be the three satellites to transmit the programmes - one operational, a spare on the ground and another reserve in orbit.

Here the consortium appears to have market forces on its side, being able to organize a competitive tender between contractors such as British Aerospace and Hughes and RCA of the United States.

The consortium is planning to spend £100 million on programming in the first year although here again there may be room for savings. The mix on BSb is likely to feature low-budget quiz and chat shows as the order of the day.

The revenue side is more problematic. The project will rely on two sources of income - advertising and subscription for the film channel - which the consortium hopes will be large enough to ensure break-even after three or four years.

BSb's initial estimate of being able to take £200 million of advertising in the first year without greatly damaging the ITV total - about £1.2 billion this year - is seen as highly optimistic by some media analysts, although feasible later on.

BSb hopes to persuade some 400,000 homes to tune in during the first year and to

have about half the population gazing skywards, as it were, for their programmes by 2000.

Whether these figures can be achieved depends on two factors, the more important of which is whether the dish needed to receive the programmes, currently costing around £1,000, can be mass-produced for £200 and eventually less.

Responsibility for this will fall on the shoulders of Mr Alan Sugar of Amstrad.

The second obstacle can be loosely described as the human factor. Even with dishes at £100, does the public want three new channels showing (with some refinements) more of the same material currently delivered by the four-land based channels? If it does, it is time to dim the lights and roll the credits for "Licence to Print Money: Part Two".

Barrow Hepburn has responded by rejecting the bid, calling it "unsolicited and totally unacceptable".

Yule Catto is keen to expand its industrial activities in Britain and boost its British earnings from their present level of about 60 per cent. The combination of the two chemical businesses would form a strong group in the high-growth area of specialty chemicals, the company said.

Yule has a healthy balance sheet with gearing of only 6 per cent at the end of last year. Mr Alex Walker, the chief executive, said the company had financial muscle to bring to Barrow.

The terms of the offer are one convertible preference share of 100p, and 108p in cash for every four Barrow Hepburn shares. This values Barrow at 52p a share.

Mr Walker said Yule was offering a 50 per cent increase in income to Barrow shareholders.

Yule made interim pretax profits to the end of June of £4.9 million, a marginal increase over the previous first half, and earnings per share rose 18 per cent.

It has forecast a final dividend of 5.5p, making a total of 8.5p, a rise of 21.5 per cent. Barrow Hepburn made interim pretax profits to the end of June of £1 million, a rise of 7 per cent.

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STOCK MARKET

# Shares uncertain as Opec fails to decide on oil price

By Carol Leonard

Talk about oil dominated the London stock market yesterday, pushing share prices higher on hopes of an imminent agreement on production quotas from the Opec meeting in Geneva and then allowing them to drift lower when such an agreement failed to materialize.

The oil stocks themselves closed a little below their best levels of the day, but nevertheless held on to sizeable gains as the feeling of optimism that an agreement might be reached over the weekend continued to ride high.

BP and Shell were among the most heavily traded stocks in the market with between 5 and 6 million shares changing hands in each. Shell touched 960p, a gain of 7p, before closing a couple of pence easier at 958p. BP gained 7p and closed at 688p.

Elsewhere in the oil sector, British gained 6.5p to 162.5p with more than 5 million shares traded. Enterprise 4p to 156p and IC Gas a penny to 55p.

The buoyant mood even lifted partly-paid British Gas shares by three-quarters of a penny to 63.75p, with 131 million shares traded.

The FT-SE 100 opened in the same optimistic frame of mind, with a rise of 3.7 points,

but turned lower when Wall Street opened in a negative mood and closed 4.2 points down at 1,629.8. The FT 30 share index closed down 4.3 at 1,280.4.

The gilt-edged market painted a much livelier picture, with rises of up to 1 1/2% in the longs and the futures also firm. Money was pouring into the London gilt market from all over the world, encouraged by the firmer pound.

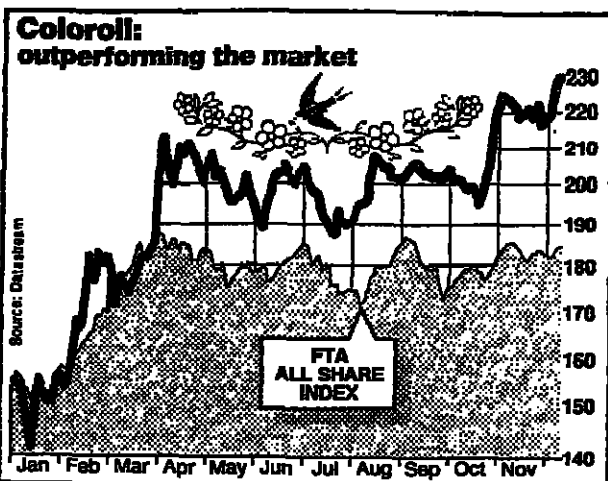
The switch left bond mar-

Keep an eye on WSL, formerly Wolverhampton Steam Laundry and now a specialist travel operator. Its shares eased a penny to 159p yesterday, but market men say a bid is expected within a couple of weeks. The suitor is said to be Blue Arrow and the likely offer price is 225p.

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Racal changed hands, as traders took up their positions ahead of the Cabinet decision on whether to order Nimrod or AWACs for the Royal Air Force. The announcement is expected next Thursday, but the share price movements in both companies gave no clues as to who the winner might be. GEC slipped 5p to 166p and Racal 2p to 176p.

ICI gave up 1 1/2p to 1,097p and BTR 3p to 275p. Grand Metropolitan held on to its recent gains and edged a further 3p ahead to 475p.

Coloroll, the fast-growing wall paper and home furnishing group, firmed a penny to 231p in active trading follow-

ing a bullish "buy" circular from L. Messel, the broker.

Analysts Mr Ronnie Dunbar and Mr Chris Radmore say: "The group is settling down well and we see no reason to change our year-end forecast. Recent strength puts the shares on a better rating and further outperformance can be expected over the long term. The company is well on course to fulfil its long-term strategy and should be a core constituent of all growth funds."

Coloroll reported profits of £3.5 million for the first half of the current year, slightly ahead of market expectations and Messel is forecasting profits of

£9.4 million for the full year to end-March, giving it earnings per share of 16.3p. It is forecasting profits of £13.5 million for 1987, with earnings climbing to 21.4p. Saatchi & Saatchi, Britain's biggest advertising agency, put on a further 6p to 745p on continued strong support from the US, while WCRS Group eased 5p to 523p. A line of 250,000 WCRS shares, worth £1.5 million, changed hands in the market on Thursday at 528p and further shares were sold yesterday.

In less than a month, Mr Jeff Ware, mining analyst at Credit Suisse Backmaster & Moore, has switched his recommendation on Charter Consolidated from buy to sell. He was disappointed with the interim profit this week of £17.9 million. Its shares dipped 5p yesterday to 288p.

Ward White, the retailing empire led by Mr Philip Birch, was claiming 41 per cent of LCP, its latest bid target, last night after buying a further 12 per cent in the market at its cash-alternative offer price of 200p a share. Ward White increased its offer on Thursday and had hoped to have reached the 50 per cent level - giving it control - by yesterday. LCP fell 3p to 197p.

Pilkington Brothers, the other big takeover target of the moment, managed to close 3p to the good at 626p as its battle to fight off BTR continues. The chairman of BTR, Sir Owen Green, yesterday wrote to Pilkington's shareholders describing their board's defence as "resting on an uneasy framework of unsubstantiated and dubious claims." Market men say this one still has some way to run.

Lucas gave up 7p to 466p on renewed and bullish talk about the new, mechanical, anti-locking brake system developed by Automotive Products, a subsidiary of BBA Group. BBA firmed 6p to 127p on the suggestion that it may have won an order from Fiat.

AB Foods fell 10p to 318p as the market gave the "thumbs down" to its £148 million fund-raising share issue. The 45.5 million new shares, issued at 312p each, were placed with institutions but there were reports that the company's adviser, County Securities, may have had some difficulty. Some market men were hoping that AB Foods might now make an acquisition but analysts were sceptical.

## Tax switch 'vital' to oil industry

By Our Own Correspondent

The importance of tax changes in the short term to ensure development of the North Sea has been emphasized by Dr George Mathewson, chief executive of the Scottish Development Agency.

He told members of the Edinburgh and Leith Petroleum Club that, in spite of the recent drop in oil prices, opportunities for Scottish companies still existed.

"There is a strong long-term future for the industry," he said.

"In Scotland it is still a sunrise industry with many opportunities for future devel-

opment, not least in export markets."

But, in the long term, the industry faces many challenges, he said.

"The real danger is that, if the short-term position becomes too severe, it will choke off much of the capability that has been built in Scotland and Britain in the past decade.

"If this were to happen, many of the long-term opportunities that undoubtedly exist would be lost to Scotland and Britain and with them, the prospect of many new jobs."

"To ensure that this capability is not lost, it is vital that we do all we can to bring developments forward."

## P&O in talks on disposals

Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation is to sell part of the Stock Exchange portfolio of securities in its takeover of SC earlier this year, including the 1 million sq ft Euston Centre in London.

British Land is now negotiating terms to acquire P&O's half share in Euston Centre Properties, the company whose sole asset is the £130 million Euston Centre. BL owns the other half of the company, which it bought from Wimpey Property Holdings for £31.5 million in 1983.

The deal will be a substantial one, which could total well over £50 million.

## DTI may follow up leak claim

The Department of Trade and Industry may follow up allegations that possible leaks from the ministry were responsible for the share-dealing before two of its recent monopoly decisions - P&O's bid for Euroferries and the Barclay brothers' offer for IC Gas.

However, the DTI, which leads government efforts to combat City wrongdoing, refused officially to be drawn.

This came in response to press charges that news of referral decisions reached the market before the official announcements to the Stock Exchange.

## Directors named by Glaxo

Glaxo Holdings: Mr John Burke and Dr Hugh McQuoadale have been elected to the board of Glaxo Holdings and of the subsidiary, Glaxo Group. Dr Joe Blaker becomes managing director of Glaxochem.

Reckitt & Colman: Mr MR Valentine is to be a non-executive director.

The Nestlé Company: Mr Frank Edwards is to become managing director and chief executive. He will succeed Mr RA Wilson, who will remain chairman of Nestlé Holdings (UK).

Jeyes Holdings: Mr Peter Welch joins as a non-executive director and Mr Martin Bromley joins the board as general sales manager.

Bienheim Exhibitions: Mr Stephen Halstead has become a non-executive director.

Michael Peters Corporate Literature: Mr Paul Langford joins as marketing director.

The Moorgate Group: Mr Richard Osborne becomes creative director, New York.

William Baird: Mr CE Mausell is to join the board



Frank Edwards: Nestlé's new managing director

as an executive director. Beecham Group: Mr Hugh Collum has been appointed group finance director and a member of the board.

Pauls: Mr Peter Simmonds has become group managing director of Pauls and chairman of Pauls Malt. Mr Pat Hudson has been named as managing director. Pauls Malt, and as a director of Pauls. Mr David Ringrose becomes deputy managing director, Pauls Malt.

Bellway: Mr Robert Craigie becomes regional chairman, London and Home Counties. Mr Richard Parr becomes managing director, Bellway (South East). Mr Neal Lockart joins the board of Bellway (South East) as technical director. Mr Balduz Karim joins the board of Bellway (North London).

## Dubilier finally steps away from the beam

Ion beam technology is all very well if you have the resources to support its development. Dubilier has decided that its long romance in this area of high technology has come to an end and has written off the £3.1 million investment related to a 20 per cent holding in IBS.

Over the years, Dubilier's interest has been diluted by its inability to put up additional finance. The decision to make the writedown now was taken in the belief that another finding exercise was imminent.

Close watchers of the group had an inkling of this writedown, so yesterday's announcement was not a surprise.

Indeed, since 1985-86 was an accident-prone year in any case, it was probably wise to get all the nasties out of the way at one fell swoop.

The final outcome for the year was towards the bottom end of expectations and nearly £1 million below forecasts made this time last year.

Problems at the new electroplating plant at Greenpar conspired with delays in orders at Beswick and problems with suppliers at Automatic Connector to make 1985-86 a year which will be put down to experience at Dubilier.

Apparently all these problems are behind the company which is now concentrating on its ambition to become a stable and well-diversified specialist component supplier. New products at Edac launched later this year will, for example, take the company into new markets of considerable promise.

The outlook for profits this year is more encouraging, although there is still a long way to go before Dubilier fulfils its potential. Forecasters are looking for between £8.5 million and £7 million pretax with stronger growth expected next year.

The shares are selling on a price-earnings ratio of around 15 times. Leaving aside the possibility of a bid, they are fully valued given the group's recent record.

## MIL Research Group

MIL Research Group is a pure market research company and intends to stay that way.

Comparisons with other quoted companies are therefore tricky since most provide

## Greene, King & Sons

Campaigns against drinking and driving in the run up to Christmas are undoubtedly "good things" unless you are a brewer. Greene, King & Sons' caveat about its growth rate for the second half is not, therefore, unconnected with this year's campaign.

Although demographic trends in its East Anglian heartland were working in Greene King's favour, they were not enough to protect the group from the effects of an overall decline in the ale market.

Moreover, as many of its 770 public houses are in rural areas, the effect of bad weather was particularly noticeable. In spite of this, margins held up well and yesterday's results were ahead of expectations.

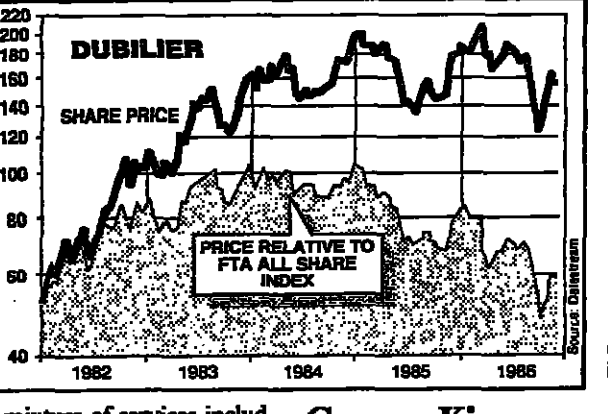
With a respected product and an established reputation in free houses, the outcome of the investigation into tied-houses by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission should not affect Greene King adversely.

Investors perceive Greene King as a company operating in a less competitive market place which has become dull and unaggressive. Although this approach has not placed the group in the limelight, it has enabled it to make steady, if unspectacular, progress.

With a clean balance sheet and aspirations to become a greater force in the industry, Greene King may be about to adopt a more active corporate stance.

It should make pretax profits of £12.5 million for the year to May 1987. On this basis the shares are selling on a p/e of 13.2.

Although not the raciest stock in the sector, it is one to be watched because it may make a late run.



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From your portfolio card check your eight share price movements on this page...

Table with 4 columns: No., Company, Group, Gain or Loss. Lists various companies like Sears, Appleyard, Cator Allen, etc.

Weekly Dividend table with columns for MON, TUE, WED, THU, FRI, SAT, SUNDAY.

BRITISH FUNDS

Table listing various British funds with columns for Name, Price, Dividend, and Yield.

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Table listing funds categorized by 'UNDATED'.

Table listing funds categorized by 'INDEX-LINKED'.

Table listing various banks and their discount rates.

STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES Equities drift lower

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began on Monday. Dealings end December 19. Settlement day January 5.

Where stocks have only one price quoted, these are middle prices taken daily at 5pm. Yield, change and P/E ratio are calculated on the middle price.

BREWERIES table listing companies like Asahi, Beck's, etc.

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CINEMAS AND TV table listing companies like British Screen, etc.

HOTELS AND CATERERS table listing companies like Whitbread, etc.

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Edited by Peter Gartland

FAMILY MONEY/1

Christmas giving, with a bonus

CHARITIES

The Lord may love a cheerful giver, but the Chancellor prefers a regular one. TOM TICEKELL explains

The run-up to Christmas is the big fund-raising season for Britain's major charities...

Conditions are less restrictive than they were. Covenants for charities need last for only four years...

still applies elsewhere. What is more, covenants are more attractive for high earners...

The mechanics of the relief are simple enough. You need £100 before tax to end up with £71 after it...

But higher rate relief does not come automatically. If you make that £100 donation, and pay a top tax rate of 50 per cent...

You have to write to your tax inspector telling him about the donation, and once you have filled in a form...

Covenants may be one major route for donations, but another is due to start in April. The Payroll Giving Scheme...

Companies have to accept the scheme first, but there should be no complications. They will probably just forward the funds as a block...

money to the CAF get a "cheque book" and send off money to as many charities as they want...

Everyone is spoiled for choice. There are more than 140,000 charities in Britain, though many are admittedly defunct historical survivals...

There are 200 charities, with an income of £300,000 a month, according to a recent Keynote report...

Geldof could set record again

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Usually, however, the top 10 show comparatively little change, and groups such as Oxfam, the Save the Children Fund, the National Trust...

may represent the high-profile fund-raising, but vast sums are still raised through flag days, sales of work, coffee mornings and the like...

The Cancer Research scheme is very flexible and will work with most of the trusts run by Fidelity. Investors can covenant the income they would normally receive to Cancer Research...

"We have taken in less than £100,000 through the scheme, and we're frankly rather disappointed," says Mary Blair of Fidelity...

Tax concessions still look secure

Charity Commissioners need a board of trustees to ensure that they carry out their objectives...

If charities have done badly from unit trusts, requests have always provided a steady flow of funds, and there is even a tax advantage. Inher-



Mary Blair disappointed

itance tax does not apply to money which is left to a charity.

Charities themselves must have one of four aims - to advance religion, to further education, to relieve poverty, or, in a useful catch-all phrase, be designed for some general charitable purposes...

Quite a good year for satisfied customers

Have you ever been short-changed by a cash card machine? Has one ever eaten your card without any good reason? Has it ever broken down on you halfway through a transaction?

The next largest group - complaints about the irregular conduct of bank accounts - amounted to only 58, closely followed by 54 complaints about bank charges.

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BANKS

Have you ever been short-changed by a cash card machine? Has one ever eaten your card without any good reason?

Complaints about cash machines formed the largest single category out of the 782 grumbles received by the Banking Ombudsman during his first year of existence.

The Ombudsman, Ian Edwards-Jones, QC, said this week in the scheme's first annual report, that with more than 350 million cash machine transactions a year, a few hiccups were virtually inevitable.

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A year of arbitration: Ian Edwards-Jones

or the other, the end of the full arbitration process. Virtually all of these, moreover, were in favour of the customer. Yet Mr Edwards-Jones said that in no case did any bank admit that it was at fault.

The impression one gets is that although banks were happy to settle the disputes - all of which involved very small amounts of money - just to get troublesome customers off their backs, they hardly felt stirred by a deep desire for justice.

Richard Thomson Banking Correspondent



How the hell am I going to pay for Christmas?

The big league with 20 million people's savings

Well over half the total assets of the entire building society industry are now controlled by three societies following this week's announcement of a merger between the Nationwide and the Anglia.

The Nationwide is Britain's third biggest building society and the Anglia is the seventh biggest. The merged society, to be known as the Nationwide Anglia, will remain the third biggest society behind the Halifax and the Abbey National but these three mega-societies will now represent the combined savings of almost 20 million people.

Nationwide Anglia will also have combined total assets of £69 billion out of a total UK building society asset figure of £130 billion.

The Halifax has £27 billion assets, eight million savers and 1.5 million borrowers; the Abbey National has £24 billion assets, 6.2 million savers and one million borrowers; the Nationwide Anglia will have £18 billion assets, 5.5 million savers and 900,000 borrowers.

into being on September 1, 1987. Although there is no guarantee of members' approval, the merger proposal is likely to meet a better fate than the planned link-up between the Nationwide and the Woolwich. Moves towards that particular merger were abandoned in November 1985 before the plan was put to members for approval.

The chief executive of the merged society will be Tim McVillie-Bain, who is currently chief general manager of the Nationwide. Assuming the merger goes through there will be a small but direct monetary benefit for the

Anglia's 304,000 borrowers. Their mortgage rate is one-eighth of one per cent higher than that of the Nationwide for both repayment and endowment mortgages. The rate will be brought down to match the Nationwide's.

On the wider front of services to members, both societies have been active in planning their diversification moves prior to the wider powers they will receive when the new Building Societies Act comes into force on January 1.

Nationwide has already announced its plans for a national network of 350 estate agency offices

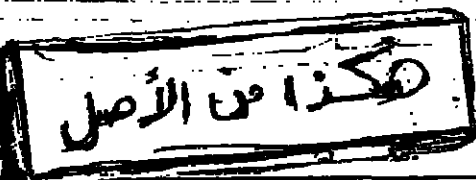
as well as cheque book and money transmission services. Earlier this month Anglia confirmed its own plans for a stockbroking service in conjunction with Hoare Govett as well as an interest-paying cheque account, a cheque guarantee card and a personal loan facility of up to £5,000.

Both societies will continue to develop their diversification plans separately with the intention that the full range of services will be offered by the merged society.

Peter Gartland

Table with multiple columns listing various financial products, companies, and their details. Includes sections like 'UNIT LINKED INSURANCE INVESTMENTS' and various company names like 'NATIONWIDE ANGLIA', 'HALIFAX', 'ABBAY NATIONAL'.





FAMILY MONEY/2

# What do you really know about money?

RULES

1. Consumer protection is currently a major talking point in the financial services industry. Who is the chairman of the Securities and Investments Board?

- (a) Sir Kenneth Berrill
- (b) Michael Howard
- (c) Sir Nicholas Goodison
- (d) Mark Weinberg

2. Registered plan managers will be free to offer Personal Equity Plans (PEPs) from January 1. What is the maximum annual amount that an individual can invest in a PEP?

- (a) £2,400
- (b) £4,800
- (c) £6,300
- (d) No limit

3. The forerunner of the Business Expansion Scheme was known by a different name. What was it?

- (a) Investment Income Surcharge
- (b) Business Start-up Scheme
- (c) Industrial Building Allowance
- (d) Life Assurance Premium Relief

4. British Gas shares were initially offered to the public at a price of 135p, partly paid. But when the Pathfinder Prospectus was published a maximum price had been quoted. What was it?

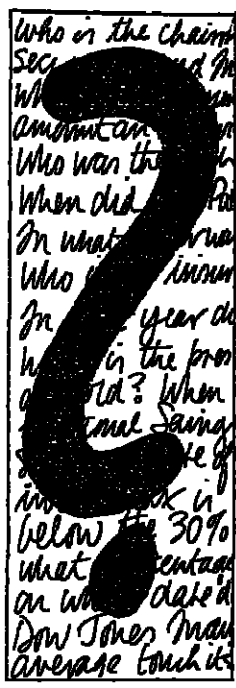
- (a) 50p
- (b) 125p
- (c) 130p
- (d) 150p

5. In 1986 the Department for National Savings celebrated a milestone in its history. In which year was National Savings founded?

- (a) 1861
- (b) 1886
- (c) 1914
- (d) 1969

6. Who is the chairman of the world-famous insurance market, Lloyd's of London?

- (a) Sir Jeremy Morse
- (b) Peter-Cameron Webb
- (c) Peter Miller
- (d) Sir Peter Green



7. At 29 per cent, the standard rate of income tax is now below the 30 per cent rate of capital gains for the first time. But when was capital gains tax introduced?

- (a) 1939
- (b) 1965
- (c) 1974
- (d) 1982

8. Unit trust funds under management have increased substantially in recent years. At the end of October, what did the funds under management amount to?

- (a) £29.9 million
- (b) £90.3 million
- (c) £8.7 billion
- (d) £29.9 billion

9. In June 1985 the Government announced it was phasing out a central part of the pensions structure. It subsequently agreed to keep it in a modified form. Which of the following was going to be phased out?

- (a) The State Earnings-Related Pension Scheme
- (b) Additional Voluntary Contributions

How much do you think you really know about unit trusts, insurance, pensions, building societies or other subjects that generally come under the heading of personal finance, and how quick are you to spot the names of key personalities in the personal finance world?

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The names of winners will be published on Saturday, January 10, 1987.

- (c) The Occupational Pensions Board
- (d) Buy-out bonds

10. Which of the clearing banks has launched a touch-screen, instant dealing service for British Gas shares?

- (a) Barclays
- (b) Lloyds
- (c) Midland
- (d) National Westminster

11. 1986 has been the year of the acronym. One of the following is not a proposed self-regulatory organization. Which is it?

- (a) LAUTRO
- (b) BIBA
- (c) FIMBRA
- (d) AFBFD

12. Of which UK investment trust was the disgraced American arbitrator Ivan Boesky until recently chairman?

- (a) GT Japan
- (b) Cambrian & General
- (c) Yeoman
- (d) Ailsa

13. Which pop star recently became chairman of a financial advice company?

- (a) Cliff Richard
- (b) Gary Glitter
- (c) Adam Faith
- (d) Helen Shapiro

14. The Insurance Ombudsman Bureau has had only one ombudsman since its formation in 1981. Who is he?

- (a) James Haswell

- (b) Ernest Saunders
- (c) Sir Kenneth Newman
- (d) Ian Edwards-Jones

15. In which year did gold hit its peak price in US dollar terms?

- (a) 1986
- (b) 1974
- (c) 1980
- (d) 1981

16. 1986 was the year of Big Bang, but Big Bang had its origins in a pact between the chairman of the Stock Exchange and a government minister back in 1983. Who was the government minister?

- (a) Sir Geoffrey Howe
- (b) Cecil Parkinson
- (c) Leon Britan

- (d) Sir Keith Joseph

17. The maximum mortgage loan on which tax relief could be claimed on the interest element was raised to £30,000. In which year did this become effective?

- (a) 1968
- (b) 1974
- (c) 1983
- (d) 1985

18. The self-employed and others in non-pensionable employment who were born in 1934 and later can pay up to a certain percentage of their earnings into a retirement annuity contract. What is this percentage?

- (a) 10.45 per cent
- (b) 17.5 per cent
- (c) 25.6 per cent
- (d) 30 per cent

19. Which continental European market recorded the biggest stock market index rise in the first 11 months of 1986 to the end of November?

- (a) Spain
- (b) Italy
- (c) France
- (d) Germany

20. On which date did the Dow Jones Industrial Average touch its low point for 1986 in the period January 1 to November 30?

- (a) January 22
- (b) April 9
- (c) September 18
- (d) October 27

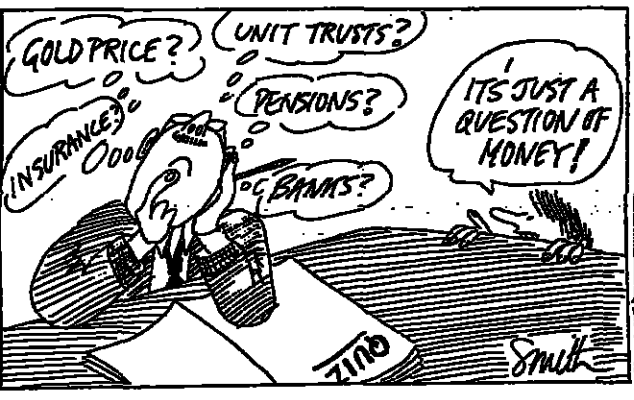
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France	27 per cent
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Belgium	5 per cent
Sweden	2 per cent
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People who know what you're worth

As consumer credit surges to its estimated pre-Christmas level of £3 billion a week. NICHOLAS COLE reports on Britain's credit rating systems

The computer-based process of assessing statistically whether people are likely to prove good or bad risks is used widely in the United States, where credit is so hard to get without a "rating" that individuals virtually volunteer personal details to establish a record as reliable borrowers.

A similar system could gain further ground here - and although the privacy lobby loathes the idea, it is a matter of when rather than if. One outcome will be closer acquaintance with certain bodies that most of us are only distantly aware of - credit reference agencies.

These organizations collect information about people's financial standing. They are today's form of the trade protection societies that developed from the 17th-century practice of traders discussing customers' creditworthiness.

The first society was founded 185 years ago in a London coffee house. Others followed, flourished, folded or merged, resulting in today's groupings, which primarily include CCN Systems, a Nottingham-based subsidiary of Great Universal Stores.

Lenders' demands for better-quality data about consumers' existing debts and their ability to settle these has led to the agencies marketing increasingly elaborate services that already include the pooling of finance house account data and will soon cover loan and credit accounts funded by banks.

The main clearers are discussing means by which customers' default details can be passed to UAPT for filing in a form similar to, but short of, their full payment profile. Any anxieties over this inherent break with tradition could well be mitigated by disclosures of the extent to which good customers pay for the growing number of bad ones.

Their debts in the credit explosion fall-out - £5,000 to £10,000 a head on multiple commitments including credit cards and personal loans - contribute to high borrowing rates. With intensified competition - and demand, even when interest is 17 billion per cent, as in a recent Cheltenham case - the OFT pleads constantly for responsible lending.

The credit reference bureau sets themselves caught in the middle, trying to achieve closer harmony between credit source and customer, both of whom lose if credit is given to the uncreditworthy or denied to the creditworthy. In general, consumer organizations consider the agencies do a fair and sensible job, but should be judged solely on their accuracy and impartiality.

fee. An agency must send you a copy of the file in plain English and a statement of your rights, or tell you it has no information about you. The statement explains that credit is a privilege - not a right - based on trust, and that if the information is wrong, you can ask the agency to remove or correct it. Twenty-eight days are allowed for the agency to do this. If it does not accept your amendment or fails to reply, you can ultimately refer the matter to the Director General of Fair Trading, Office of Fair Trading, Field House, Bream's Buildings, London EC4 1PR.

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FAMILY MONEY/4

# How your cash will be guarded

The Building Societies Act has put the spotlight both on the potential for societies to convert into public liability status and the greater range of services that may be offered from January 1.

However, publicity has so far not been given to the scheme for society investor protection, which changes that day, and particularly to how those investors in societies

## An outstanding safety record

that are not members of the Building Societies Association will be left.

After years of relative stability in the building society world, "mergers" are very much in the air. Following the links between the Bideford and West of England on October 31, Peterborough with Norwich, and Property Owners with Woolwich Equitable, the association has 128 members - soon to be 127 after the proposed Nationwide-Anglia merger. But there are 23 societies with building society status outside the association.

Building societies have an outstanding record for safety. Since the war, no ordinary investor in a society within the association has lost any savings. On the few occasions

when a society has had financial difficulty, other societies have stepped in to ensure savings are fully protected.

That security rests on three elements: monitoring of building society activities, prudential requirements and the Investors' Protection Scheme.

Their business transactions are monitored by the relevant government department, the Registry of Friendly Societies and the association itself. Societies are required to submit a detailed annual return on their activities as well as completing monthly and quarterly returns to the registry to help identify potential difficulties at an early stage.

At the moment the law requires that societies lend only on the security of freehold or leasehold estate, that 90 per cent of loans should be of relatively modest amounts to owner-occupiers, and that they must value properties on which they lend.

Losses have been minimal. In 1984 mortgage losses accounted for only 0.005 per cent of mortgage assets of about £82,000 million.

A proportion of liquid funds has to be kept in short-term securities. Trustee status lays down several additional requirements.

Under the Investors' Protection Scheme, depositors are fully protected. Share invest-

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ors in societies that are contributing members to the scheme are protected up to 90 per cent of their capital. Non-contributing societies protect their members up to 75 per cent of their capital.

Five building societies, which are not members of the association, nevertheless participate in the scheme:

- Century, based in Albany Street, Edinburgh
- Kidderminster Equitable, in Worcester
- Lough, Mablethorpe & Sutton Permanent Benefit, in Lincolnshire
- St Stephen's, at 70 Chepstow Road, Bayswater, London
- Thrift, at 3 Turnpike Pa-

rade, Green Lanes, Tottenham, London.

Until December 31, when the Investors' Protection Scheme will be discontinued, there is no upper limit to the size of accounts protected. After the January 1 changes all societies - whether or not they are members of the association - will have members' investments protected but to the lower level of 90 per cent of the first £10,000 of savings. A joint account will be 90 per cent of £20,000.

There is to be no specified funding by the societies to meet the new statutory Investor Protection Scheme. The Act specifies a maximum for every society of 0.5 per cent per annum of total shares and deposits if a society gets into financial difficulty. This would be adequate for a small society but nowhere near adequate for one of the society giants.

The banks have provision for a permanent fund in the event of a claim but the Treasury minister Ian Stewart felt this was unnecessary in the case of building societies as "calls on the scheme are likely to be less frequent than those on behalf of depositors with small licensed deposit takers under the Banking Act Scheme".

Building societies that are not association members are

under pressure to merge with other societies (such as The King Edward, of Liverpool, with Birmingham Midshires, and the Manchester Unity of Oddfellows with Northern Rock, of Newcastle upon Tyne), or to wind themselves up, which simply means that the Chief Registrar of Friendly Societies strikes them off the list. Under the association's rules, they cannot become

## Greater confidence from January 1

members until they have had an active existence for at least five years and have accounts for that period.

Ahead of the new protection scheme, it would be wise to ask non-members of the association what they intend to do about status. From January 1 investors in such societies will have the greater confidence that, if their society was not party to the Investors' Protection Scheme, they will enjoy limited protection from that date.

Several have been prominent in recent months, such as the Ecology on account of its declared policy of assisting those wishing to convert older properties.

Conal Gregory

NON-BUILDING SOCIETIES ASSOCIATION MEMBERS

Society	Date established	Shareholders	Shareholders' amount due (£)	Total assets (£)
Capital & Counties (Sheffield)	1955	3	100,616	130,001
Century (Edinburgh)	1899	1,405	4,752,876	6,156,739
City of Derry (Londonderry)	1876	739	2,180,045	2,444,670
County of London (London SE13)	1934	318	60,137	78,068
Eagle (Wembley, Middlesex)	1956	111	100,280	136,944
Ecology (Keighley, West Yorkshire)	1980	756	994,490	1,275,376
Everton (Liverpool)	1853	241	254,401	334,782
Haverstock (London E1)	1892	74	7,834	11,820
Hollins P (Hale, Cheshire)	1930	14	87,600	166,182
Immigrants (London NW10)	1983	10	50,000	53,426
Kidderminster Equitable	1961	909	2,927,638	3,192,978
Law Mutual (Wembley, Middlesex)	1957	41	15,445	44,418
Lough, Mablethorpe & Sutton (Lincolnshire)	1877	1,285	3,550,289	3,804,177
Nottingham & DT P (Leamington Spa)	1909	60	50,059	56,212
Piccadilly (London EC3)	1952	6	8,578	9,619
Ravenhead (St Helens, Merseyside)	1881	18	18,964	28,745
St Stephen's (London W2)	1955	379	1,266,832	1,388,299
South Durham (Peterlee)	1903	73	203,361	251,073
Sun (Liverpool)	1875	207	249,287	349,003
Thrift (London N15)	1886	4,039	8,449,629	9,182,229
United Kingdom (Liverpool)	1862	287	305,328	414,077
Western (London N4)		8	-	1,100
Wishaw Inv (Wishaw, Strathclyde)	1858	82	216,464	270,396

## Receiver moves in on crumbling Cookie Co

The Department of Trade and Industry has petitioned to have the Cookie Coach Co compulsorily wound up. This was a franchise company with the franchisees selling cakes, cookies and other food from 1920s style vans.

On December 3 Peat Marwick, the accountancy firm, was appointed receiver of the company and is now trying to sell the business as a going concern.

The position of the 46 franchisees is very much uncertain. Franchisees of the Cookie Coach Co paid an initial franchise fee of £6,500 each and were given the right to sell cookies from their vans within a defined territory. They had to buy the vans themselves, and purchased their supplies from the franchisor.

There are indications that legal proceedings will result from the collapse of this franchise. There is also likely to be a substantial deficiency.

Philip Ramsbottom, one of the joint receivers, said yesterday: "Early indications are that there will be a deficiency of about half a million pounds."

The Cookie Coach Company was not a full member of the British Franchise Association (BFA), the industry

watchdog and trade association for franchisors.

However, it was on a list maintained by the BFA which is called the "BFA Register of Qualified Non-Member Companies Developing Franchises".

Tony Duffield, the BFA's director, explained yesterday that this was a list of companies which had not yet satisfied the criteria for full BFA membership.

He said: "We look basically for a properly constructed franchise agreement, a viable prospectus and a pilot scheme with at least one franchisee which has been running for at least a year."

"We do also ask for a set of accounts, but it is generally too early in a company's existence for these to tell you much."

Mr Duffield also said the Cookie Coach Co had never applied for full membership of the BFA.

Details on what went wrong with this particular franchise have not yet emerged. If you are considering taking out a franchise, make sure you do a lot of homework first - both on the range of franchises available and on the particular franchise you have chosen.

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FAMILY MONEY/5

The locks and alarms that can cut the losses and the costs

Following the lead set by Royal, Sun Alliance and Legal & General, Norwich Union is the latest insurance company to offer premium discounts on house contents policies to those who fit locks and alarms in their homes.

The discount idea, put forward initially by Mrs Thatcher and the Metropolitan Police Commissioner, Sir Kenneth Newman, is seen as one way of curbing the growth in domestic burglary.

Latest figures from the Association of British Insurers (ABI) show that theft claims cost insurance companies £186.9 million in the first six months of this year, 12 per cent more than in the corresponding period last year.

But the discounts on offer, up to 20 per cent, are not intended to pay for the cost of installing adequate security measures. For in rural areas, £10,000 worth of contents cover can be bought for less than £40, and this figure can rise above £150 in inner cities.

Reductions are not offered by all insurance companies, but for those that do the discounts can be split into three categories. Fitting locks to doors and windows will qualify for reductions up to 10 per cent.

The cost of meeting the first two requirements varies from house to house. Door locks - insurers usually insist on five-lever mortice dead locks - cost around £11.50, and window locks £2.

A spokesman for the ABI gave three instances where security measures could be compulsory: if the sum assured is high, if the household has a history of claims or if target risks, such as expensive jewellery, need extra protection in the form of a safe.

anything from £200 and a digital communicator, linked to the office of the alarm company, more than £500.

The insurance company will usually rely on the broker to check that the systems have been installed. Alternatively, a report from the local crime prevention officer will suffice. The officer will also be able to advise on suitable security measures, a useful feature, given that the security business is booming and not all the firms involved are reputable.

But a word of warning on fitting security devices comes from Patrick Shoebridge, of

some inner city areas, policyholders must fit locks. The point is well illustrated by Bishopsgate. It has set out a table showing the level of security required. On level one, there are no special conditions. But policyholders in high risk areas of London, Manchester, Liverpool and Glasgow, as well as those with high sums to insure, have to fit locks.

Once the security devices are fitted, the insurance company will expect them to be used. If not, the cover could be withheld. But Northern Star admits to its brokers: "There

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Sir Kenneth Newman and Mrs Thatcher: innovators of the discount insurance idea

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Non-smoker's crisis cover

Canon Lincoln is not one of the best-known life-assurance companies but this week it came up with an innovation which the industry's big boys may find they have to follow.

Canon has added an optional benefit, called Critical Illness Cover, to its Designer life policy. Critical Illness Cover will pay up to half the sum assured immediately a policyholder is diagnosed as suffering from a stroke, heart attack or a spreading form of cancer.

The option is available only to non-smokers who have a good health profile when they take out a policy. If a policyholder contracts one of the specified critical illnesses, a previously selected proportion of the sum assured, which can be as high as 50 per cent but not more than £20,000, becomes payable.

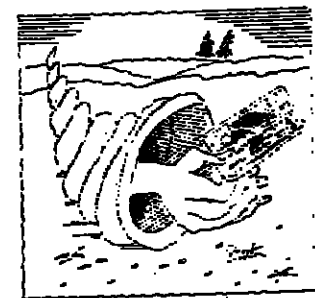
Canon says it has introduced Critical Illness Cover to provide positive financial assistance for people who subsequently find themselves stricken with a defined major ailment.

puppies can chew through temporary electric wiring for the Christmas lights, with disastrous consequences.

Anyone who owns a cat knows that they are fascinated by tinsel and glittering baubles but cut paws can result from knocking down glass decorations, and Pet Plan say that tinsel in the stomach brought one cat to the operating table on Christmas day.

Yuppie book

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Dog's life trauma

It's clearly a dog's life at Christmas. Take, for example, the case of Trudie the Cocker Spaniel who had to have an operation to remove a nylon Christmas stocking, or Sam the Labrador who swallowed a Champagne cork which obstructed his intestine.

If you're not an animal lover, such incidents may cause you no distress at all. But for pet-owners, they can be the source of major trauma.

Pat Specialized, which specializes in insurance for pets, points out that

RR partner John Rayner appears slightly offended at the suggestion that the whole thing is a gimmick.

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Burden of proving nature of drugs

Regina v Hunt (Richard)

Before Lord Keith of Kinkor, Lord Templeman, Lord Griffiths, Lord Mackay of Clashfern and Lord Ackner.

Since offences involving the misuse of hard drugs were among the most serious in the criminal calendar, it was right to burden proof in favour of the defendant and it was for the prosecution to prove the nature of the substance involved.

The House of Lords held that regulation 4 of the Misuse of Drugs Regulations (SI 1973 No 797), which provided, in conjunction with paragraph 3 of Schedule 1 that section 5(1) of the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971, prohibiting the possession of controlled drugs, should not have effect in relation to, inter alia, any preparation of morphine containing not more than 0.2 per cent of morphine, where the morphine could not be recovered by readily applicable means or in a yield which would constitute a risk to health, dealt with the definition of the essential ingredients of the offence.

The Lords allowed an appeal by Richard Selwyn Russell Hunt from the Court of Appeal (Criminal Division) (Lord Justice Beldam and Mr Justice Hutchison) (The Times, October 24, 1985; [1985] QB 125), which had dismissed his appeal against his conviction at Lewes Crown Court (Judge Wingate QC and a jury) on February 26, 1985, of possession of a controlled drug contrary to section 5(2) of the 1971 Act.

Mr Kenneth Zucker, QC and Mr Geoffrey W. Greenwood for the appellant; Mr Anthony Hacking, QC and Mr Michael Warren for the Crown.

LORD GRIFFITHS said that the prosecution had put an analyst's report before the jury referring to powder found in the appellant's possession.

It had read: "On July 19, 1984, the following sealed item was received at the laboratory from Sussex Police, Eastbourne: RSE 1 Paper fold with powder. The paper fold contained 154 milligrams of off-white powder. This powder was found to contain morphine mixed with caffeine and atropine. Morphine is a controlled drug within the 1971 Act, Part I of Schedule 2 (Class A drug). Caffeine and atropine are not controlled under the 1971 Act."

At the close of the prosecution case counsel for the appellant had submitted that there was no case to answer, because, inter alia, the prosecution had called no evidence as to the proportion of morphine contained in the powder found in the appellant's possession.

The judge had ruled against that submission. The appellant had changed his plea to guilty and, after being formally convicted by the jury, had been sentenced to three months' imprisonment suspended for two years.

It was apparent that the judge had rejected the submission of no case because he was of the opinion that Schedule 1 to the 1973 Regulations only applied to possession by such persons as doctors, dentists, veterinary surgeons and pharmacists.

For the reasons given by the Court of Appeal that had been urged that, wherever a burden of proof was placed on a defendant by statute, it should be evidential and not persuasive. Such a fundamental change was, however, a matter for Parliament, not a decision of the House of Lords.

Turning to the question of construction with those considerations in mind, the essence of the offence was having in one's possession a prohibited substance. In order to establish guilt, the prosecution had, therefore, to prove that the prohibited substance had been in the possession of the defendant.

As it was an offence to have morphine in one form but not an offence to have it in another form, the prosecution had to prove that it had been in the prohibited form, for otherwise no offence was established.

His Lordship regarded regulation 4 as in a quite different category from the other regulations in Part II of the 1973 Regulations. It dealt not with exceptions to what would otherwise be unlawful but with the definition of the essential ingredients of an offence.

That could be strikingly demonstrated by reference to regulation 4(2), relating to poppy straw. Both parts of regulation 4 had to be similarly construed.

The appeal should be allowed and the conviction quashed.

Lord Keith agreed with Lord Griffiths. Lord Templeman delivered a concurring speech.

LORD MACKAY, agreeing with Lord Griffiths, said that the case emphasized the need for absolute clarity in the terms of the analyst's certificate founded on by the prosecution in such cases.

It would be wise, where there was any possibility of one of the descriptions in the relevant Schedule applying to the substance that was the subject of the certificate, that the analyst should state expressly whether or not the substance fell within that description as well as stating whether or not it was a controlled drug within the meaning of the 1971 Act.

Lord Ackner delivered a concurring speech. Solicitors: Sylvester Small & Co, Finsbury Park, DPP.

Disciplining solicitor

In re a Solicitor

Where the Solicitors Disciplinary Tribunal had acquitted a solicitor of a charge of conduct unbecoming a solicitor, being the only charge preferred against him, it did not have power under rule 34 of the Solicitors' Disciplinary Proceedings Rules (1985 SI No 226) to reprimand him on the basis that he had failed adequately to supervise an unadmitted legal executive.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court (Lord Lane, Lord Chief Justice, Mr Justice McCowan and Mr Justice Simon Brown) so held on December 12, allowing in part a reprimand appeal against an order of the tribunal reprimanding him and awarding costs against him. The court quashed the reprimand and ordered the solicitor to pay half the costs below, but awarded him the costs of the appeal.

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RUGBY UNION

Time to give an ear to the coach

Sports writers of The Times present their selection from the sporting books of the year. Today, David Hands, on the best from the world of rugby.

Injury-hit South-West hope Barnes recovers for London showdown

It is, perhaps, a pious prayer since the weather reports are not good for the south-west, but the England selectors...

Tony Doyle: Master of the Sixes



Launching time: Doyle (below) sprints in favourite partner Clark as a six-day tempo rises

Perpetual competitor seeks some domestic recognition

No sportsman in Britain, perhaps even in the world, can claim to work as hard as professional cyclist, Tony Doyle.

Change of dates is a financial face-saver

By Pat Butcher Athletics Correspondent The change of dates for their financial year has saved the British athletics authorities from further embarrassment.

A vest for England in dispute

Terry Thornton, a 19-year-old middle- and long-distance runner from Port Elizabeth, South Africa, has been picked to represent England in an international cross-country Union event.

Lively writing retains interest

But Greenwood does not become bogged down in technical analysis, or little drawings describing moves. His writing remains lively: "The TDM can suffer, like Borisland, as or myself in Marks and Spencer, as much from too wide a range of choice as from one too restricted."

Withyman signs with Nottingham

Tom Withyman, who, with Robert Wainwright, led such a valiant Cambridge pack in defeat against Oxford in the University match on Tuesday, is the third Light Blue to join Nottingham during the Christmas holidays.

Edinburgh look the better side

The McEwan's Scottish inter-district championship continues to attract top-quality players from North and Midlands playing Edinburgh at Cupar.

Readers of these columns may have noticed that a pet hate is the rash of "ambiguity" with which the press has been blessed in recent years.

The heady days of Welsh rugby

Let us end with the Welsh, who so frequently have the last word anyway. Rugby: Body and Soul by Bill Samuel (Corgi Press, £5.95) is the affectionate tale of the man who taught Gareth Edwards to become one of the great scrum halves.

TODAY'S TEAM NEWS

Moseley v Bristol Bristol have dropped Blackmore for this John Smith's merit table A game and pair Skuse with Williams return to the back against Mark Jones. Neath's No 8, has a hand injury.

Christie to switch positions

Colin Christie, the North outside half who has been whispered as a possible replacement for Ian Brown in the Ulster team, next week switches to full back for the section one senior league game at Ormeau against Bangor this afternoon.

WEEKEND RUGBY FIXTURES

Table listing weekend rugby fixtures including Divisional, Championship, and Club matches.

De Silva gets Sri Lanka off to bright start

Kohlapur, India (Reuters) - Aravinda de Silva hit an unbeaten century in his first two innings as Sri Lanka made an imposing start to their three-day Test against the Indians.

Worcestershire lose Roberts to GB trial

Yet another training weekend for the Great Britain squad has deprived a team of a leading player for an important event.

Unique Curtis Cup win nets writers' award

The team of British and Irish women golfers who made history when they won the Curtis Cup in America three months ago, were honoured on Thursday when the prestigious Golf Writers' Trophy was awarded to them.



RACING: WEST TIP HEADS STRONG SGB CHASE LINE-UP

Lightly-weighted Bucko can add to Fitzgerald's run of success

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

West Tip, the winner of this year's Grand National and a very likely winner of next year's Aintree spectacular in my opinion, will have his second race of the season in the SGB Handicap Chase at Ascot today.

Newbury a fortnight later when he looked a tired horse before falling three fences from home in the Hennessy.

Broadsheet also made a nonsense of jumping that same fence at Newbury but he got away with it and went on to win, with Plundering five lengths behind in fourth place.

As Plundering was at Cheltenham eight days ago when he jumped and ran well even though he eventually finished last.

Twelve months ago, West Tip was runner-up to Door Latch in the corresponding race this afternoon. Now they both enter the fray again, their tasks increased greatly by the fact that they will be carrying 17lb and 13lb more, respectively.

This season, Door Latch has had two unhappy experiences. The first was here at Ascot last month when he made such a hash of jumping the 17th fence that his rider had no chance whatsoever of staying in the plate. The second was at

Haydock Park before that. Apparently, Bucko was not right at Sandown. He is said to be spot on now.

Today's fine Ascot card begins with the Killiney Novices' Chase which features the second appearance of this season of that exciting young chaser Midnight Count who impressed so much when winning his first steeplechase at Sandown a fortnight ago.

ASCOT Selections By Mandarin. 12.15 Midland Count. 12.50 Nohaldun. 1.30 Gaye Brief. 1.55 Bucko. 2.30 Charcoal Wally. 3.00 Bluff Cove. By Michael Seely. 1.55 Bucko. 2.30 Desert Orchid. 3.00 RED ROCKY (nap).

Guide to our in-line racecard. 103 (12) 0-0-42 TIMEFORM (C) (M) (P) (R) (S) (T) (U) (V) (W) (X) (Y) (Z) (AA) (AB) (AC) (AD) (AE) (AF) (AG) (AH) (AI) (AJ) (AK) (AL) (AM) (AN) (AO) (AP) (AQ) (AR) (AS) (AT) (AU) (AV) (AW) (AX) (AY) (AZ) (BA) (BB) (BC) (BD) (BE) (BF) (BG) (BH) (BI) (BJ) (BK) (BL) (BM) (BN) (BO) (BP) (BQ) (BR) (BS) (BT) (BU) (BV) (BW) (BX) (BY) (BZ) (CA) (CB) (CC) (CD) (CE) (CF) (CG) (CH) (CI) (CJ) (CK) (CL) (CM) (CN) (CO) (CP) (CQ) (CR) (CS) (CT) (CU) (CV) (CW) (CX) (CY) (CZ) (DA) (DB) (DC) (DD) (DE) (DF) (DG) (DH) (DI) (DJ) (DK) (DL) (DM) (DN) (DO) (DP) (DQ) (DR) (DS) (DT) (DU) (DV) (DW) (DX) (DY) (DZ) (EA) (EB) (EC) (ED) (EE) (EF) (EG) (EH) (EI) (EJ) (EK) (EL) (EM) (EN) (EO) (EP) (EQ) (ER) (ES) (ET) (EU) (EV) (EW) (EX) (EY) (EZ) (FA) (FB) (FC) (FD) (FE) (FF) (FG) (FH) (FI) (FJ) (FK) (FL) (FM) (FN) (FO) (FP) (FQ) (FR) (FS) (FT) (FU) (FV) (FW) (FX) (FY) (FZ) (GA) (GB) (GC) (GD) (GE) (GF) (GG) (GH) (GI) (GJ) (GK) (GL) (GM) (GN) (GO) (GP) (GQ) (GR) (GS) (GT) (GU) (GV) (GW) (GX) (GY) (GZ) (HA) (HB) (HC) (HD) (HE) (HF) (HG) (HH) (HI) (HJ) (HK) (HL) (HM) (HN) (HO) (HP) (HQ) (HR) (HS) (HT) (HU) (HV) (HW) (HX) (HY) (HZ) (IA) (IB) (IC) (ID) (IE) (IF) (IG) (IH) (II) (IJ) (IK) (IL) (IM) (IN) (IO) (IP) (IQ) (IR) (IS) (IT) (IU) (IV) (IW) (IX) (IY) (IZ) (JA) (JB) (JC) (JD) (JE) (JF) (JG) (JH) (JI) (JJ) (JK) (JL) (JM) (JN) (JO) (JP) (JQ) (JR) (JS) (JT) (JU) (JV) (JW) (JX) (JY) (JZ) (KA) (KB) (KC) (KD) (KE) (KF) (KG) (KH) (KI) (KJ) (KK) (KL) (KM) (KN) (KO) (KP) (KQ) (KR) (KS) (KT) (KU) (KV) (KW) (KX) (KY) (KZ) (LA) (LB) (LC) (LD) (LE) (LF) (LG) (LH) (LI) (LJ) (LK) (LL) (LM) (LN) (LO) (LP) (LQ) (LR) (LS) (LT) (LU) (LV) (LW) (LX) (LY) (LZ) (MA) (MB) (MC) (MD) (ME) (MF) (MG) (MH) (MI) (MJ) (MK) (ML) (MM) (MN) (MO) (MP) (MQ) (MR) (MS) (MT) (MU) (MV) (MW) (MX) (MY) (MZ) (NA) (NB) (NC) (ND) (NE) (NF) (NG) (NH) (NI) (NJ) (NK) (NL) (NM) (NO) (NP) (NQ) (NR) (NS) (NT) (NU) (NV) (NW) (NX) (NY) (NZ) (OA) (OB) (OC) (OD) (OE) (OF) (OG) (OH) (OI) (OJ) (OK) (OL) (OM) (ON) (OO) (OP) (OQ) (OR) (OS) (OT) (OU) (OV) (OW) (OX) (OY) (OZ) (PA) (PB) (PC) (PD) (PE) (PF) (PG) (PH) (PI) (PJ) (PK) (PL) (PM) (PN) (PO) (PP) (PQ) (PR) (PS) (PT) (PU) (PV) (PW) (PX) (PY) (PZ) (QA) (QB) (QC) (QD) (QE) (QF) (QG) (QH) (QI) (QJ) (QK) (QL) (QM) (QN) (QO) (QP) (QQ) (QR) (QS) (QT) (QU) (QV) (QW) (QX) (QY) (QZ) (RA) (RB) (RC) (RD) (RE) (RF) (RG) (RH) (RI) (RJ) (RK) (RL) (RM) (RN) (RO) (RP) (RQ) (RR) (RS) (RT) (RU) (RV) (RW) (RX) (RY) (RZ) (SA) (SB) (SC) (SD) (SE) (SF) (SG) (SH) (SI) (SJ) (SK) (SL) (SM) (SN) (SO) (SP) (SQ) (SR) (SS) (ST) (SU) (SV) (SW) (SX) (SY) (SZ) (TA) (TB) (TC) (TD) (TE) (TF) (TG) (TH) (TI) (TJ) (TK) (TL) (TM) (TN) (TO) (TP) (TQ) (TR) (TS) (TT) (TU) (TV) (TW) (TX) (TY) (TZ) (UA) (UB) (UC) (UD) (UE) (UF) (UG) (UH) (UI) (UJ) (UK) (UL) (UM) (UN) (UO) (UP) (UQ) (UR) (US) (UT) (UU) (UV) (UW) (UX) (UY) (UZ) (VA) (VB) (VC) (VD) (VE) (VF) (VG) (VH) (VI) (VJ) (VK) (VL) (VM) (VN) (VO) (VP) (VQ) (VR) (VS) (VT) (VU) (VV) (VW) (VX) (VY) (VZ) (WA) (WB) (WC) (WD) (WE) (WF) (WG) (WH) (WI) (WJ) (WK) (WL) (WM) (WN) (WO) (WP) (WQ) (WR) (WS) (WT) (WU) (WV) (WW) (WX) (WY) (WZ) (XA) (XB) (XC) (XD) (XE) (XF) (XG) (XH) (XI) (XJ) (XK) (XL) (XM) (XN) (XO) (XP) (XQ) (XR) (XS) (XT) (XU) (XV) (XW) (XX) (XY) (XZ) (YA) (YB) (YC) (YD) (YE) (YF) (YG) (YH) (YI) (YJ) (YK) (YL) (YM) (YN) (YO) (YP) (YQ) (YR) (YS) (YT) (YU) (YV) (YW) (YX) (YY) (YZ) (ZA) (ZB) (ZC) (ZD) (ZE) (ZF) (ZG) (ZH) (ZI) (ZJ) (ZK) (ZL) (ZM) (ZN) (ZO) (ZP) (ZQ) (ZR) (ZS) (ZT) (ZU) (ZV) (ZW) (ZX) (ZY) (ZZ)

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FOOTBALL: TESTING TIME AT VILLA PARK TODAY FOR THE FALLEN GIANTS WHO HAVE SOUGHT SALVATION FROM ACROSS THE BORDER

Norwich show off new stand to Tracey

Dick Tracey, the sports minister, will inspect Norwich City's new £3 million stand before today's home game with Arsenal...

Two Scots the English are trusting

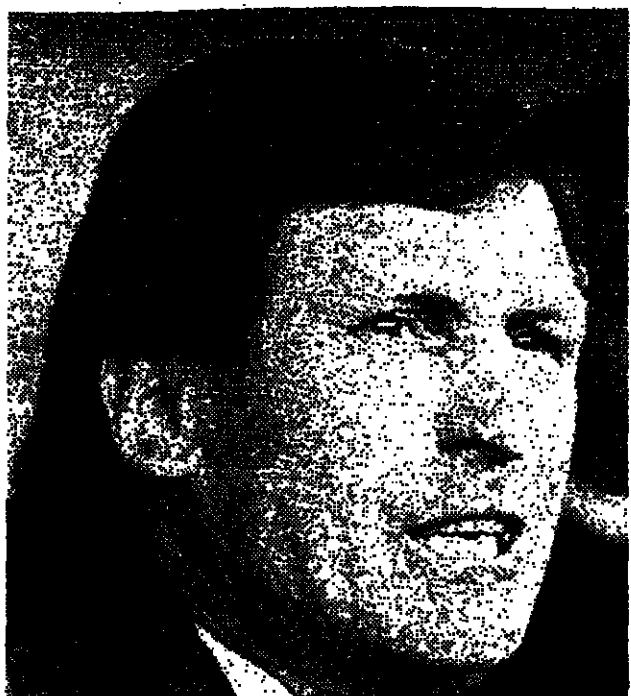
By Clive White

Never mind about the infiltration of the KGB, what about the more subtle infiltration into English affections by the auld enemy, a Scot being cheered down a mountainside at skiing and sympathy for a Scottish football team's misfortunes...

And today two more Scots, this time in opposition, carry the combined hopes of the biggest audience in England at Villa Park...

The English have always been deeply suspicious of the motives of new "emigrants" from Scotland, particularly those who come after attaining considerable success in their homeland...

Fewer still have come with their ambitions as intact and still vivid as those of Ferguson and McNeill...



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Mexico: the pain and gain on film

By David Miller Chief Sports Correspondent

Football is a team game. Here, the official film of the World Cup in Mexico, spectacularly and controversially concentrates on what is box office: the individual stars, the aggression, the man who makes the news, who or who not: Sanchez, Elkjaer, and Laudrup...

The achievement of the film, which told me nothing I did not already know about the play in June, is to reveal - rather like Another Bloody Sunday, the award-winning study of rugby last year - the humanity of it, as a woman's eye view of the personnel; a pictorial gossip column punctuated by violence, ecstasy and grief...

Penalties are a film maker's dream

As Uruguay's world falls apart, the camera follows Francoise Luce a hunted animal, as he looks for somebody to shoot the ball into the crowd when Mexico score at the Azteca.

No warm Anfield welcome for Hollins

By Steve Bates

Kenny Dalglish yesterday expressed his dislike for the campaigning tactics of the Liverpool manager, John Waddell, but then laid plans to deepen his counterpart's plight in tomorrow's televised league game at Anfield.

Liverpool are far too professional to fall into such an obvious trap. After their stirring mid-week victory over Dublin, Dalglish must guard against the possibility of a reaction to the 10 hours incarcerated in Bahrain after their plane was forced down with engine trouble.

The return of either player will give the Liverpool manager John Waddell a boost. He is not worried that four of Liverpool's last five goals have come from the penalty spot but will be happy to see more goals produced from open play.

There seems no need to be since the main prize, the threatened to sideline Ian Rush was finally lifted yesterday. The Juventus-bound striker took a heavy knock as Liverpool became unofficial British champions against Celtic in Dubai...

Argentine club looking for a happy ending

From a Correspondent, Tokyo

If River Plate, of Buenos Aires, can win the Copa Libertadores Cup here on Sunday, as many of the local experts predict, it will end the year quite tidily for Argentina.

World Cup victory for Maradona and his men in Mexico is the main prize, of course. Now the country's No. 1 club and South American champions, surprisingly for the first time, are poised to reassert their continent's hold on a trophy won only once at six attempts by a European team.

Muhren: age against him

Surprise call for Muhren

The Hague (Reuters) - The veteran Ajax Amsterdam midfielder, Arnold Muhren, aged 35, who last played for the Netherlands four years ago, has been called into an 18-man squad for the European championship qualification against Cyprus on December 21.

Way opens for Boyd to win title

From Roy Moor, Malmo

Kevin Boyd, the South Tyrolean medical student, who placed fourth in the 400 m freestyle final at the world championships in the summer, starts favourite at the European Cup tournament opening here this morning.

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His chances of success have been greatly improved by the absence of Reiner Henkel, the world champion, and Vladimir Salnikov, for so long the Soviet's outstanding distance competitor. Salnikov is here as a coach to the Soviet team.

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Boyd must win the 400 m freestyle to have a chance of winning the 1,500 m. His training form however suggests he is going to be difficult to beat. In his morning heat he has to contend with Zoltan Szilagyi, of Hungary, and Massimo Revisan, of Italy.

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Adrian Moorhouse, the Leeds European and Commonwealth champion, is still smarting over being deprived of the world 100 m breaststroke title in Madrid on a disqualification. He is determined to prove that he is the true world No. 1. At least he won't have to worry about Jozsef Szabo, the world champion at 200 m breaststroke. illness has forced the Hungarian to be a late withdrawal.

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First in the water for Britain will be the Linda Donnelly, the Scot in the 200 m freestyle. She has escaped the more difficult of the two heats which includes Heike Friedrich, the East German double world champion, and Tania Vanzini, of Italy, another Madrid finalist.

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Mark Foster, the young Southern sprint record-breaker in home events, finds himself matched in the 100 m freestyle with Stefan Voltery, the Swiss, placed fifth in the world final.

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# Leigh are unlikely to upset prediction

By Keith Macklin

The two most powerful sides in rugby league, Wigan and St Helens, are kept apart by the draw for this weekend's quarter-finals of the John Player Special Trophy and there are already visions of the two great rivals providing a derby game in the final.

Leigh seem unlikely to upset the apparent at Central Park tomorrow, with Wigan having settled their differences with Ellery Hanley, and basking in the confidence, boosting warmth of having already trounced Leigh in the two games this season.

Wigan are without their suspended captain, Graeme West, and move the lanky Australian, Ian Roberts, to the front row with the South African, Rob Louw in the second row.

Warrington would have been more confident of defeating St Helens had they been able to call upon two key players. However, Andy Gregory, the scrum half, is in dispute with the club and the New Zealand forward, Kevin Thomas, is suspended. In addition, Warrington have several other injuries, and they will need to produce a great effort to beat the rampant Saints.

St Helens themselves have injury problems with the goal kicking centre Paul Loughlin and Graham Liptrot, the experienced hooker, likely to be absent.

Barrow, the outsiders, could produce a surprise, but the experience of Widnes, who are showing patchy form at the moment.

In the match chosen for television today, Bradford Northern entertainers will provide continued interest in the competition from East of the Pennines. Television will provide a platform at national level for Terry Holmes, whose shoulder operation has kept the joint secure since the start of the season.

Holmes is in superb form and is settling down to prove that his signing fee of £80,000 was money well spent by Bradford. However, Hull are coming back to their best form.

## YACHTING

# Cudmore's White Crusader had too many pitfalls to succeed

By Barry Pickthall

Yesterday's defeat by six seconds at the hands of New Zealand finally closed the door on any hopes Britain's America's Cup crew still nurtured of making the cut into the semi-finals after Christmas.

White Crusader, led throughout by the confidence and strong leadership of Harold Cudmore, the Irish skipper, went down, fighting, giving the New Zealanders, who have lost only one race during these trials, one of their closest races yet to show what might have been achieved had they been given more time and money.

This challenge, launched by Admiral Sir Ian Easton with the backing of the British Aerospace which put up the \$12,000 entry fee back in April 1984 match an impasse which started when the search for finance to match the \$15-20 million fighting budget plans drawn up by the leading American Syndicates raised little interest.

## Cudmore answer to doubting Thomases

It was only when Graham Walker, the Jersey-based millionaire, was persuaded to underwrite the research and building costs of two boats in January 1985 by sailing companions Cudmore and Philip Crebbin that the Royal Thames YC Challenge finally lifted off ground. By then, the project was well behind most other challenges who were already sailing or had new boats under construction.

Cudmore's eloquent answer to the many doubting Thomases, was that his team, the hard core of whom had sprung from Peter de Savary's flamboyant, but equally unsuccessful attempt at winning the Cup in 1983, were investing in technology.

"We already know how to sail these boats," he said. "With no boat of their own, Cudmore, and a small group of sailors, including eventual helmsman Chris Law, chartered the Lexca designed Challenge 12 from the French in

France in the world championship of Fremantle last February.

They finished last, but the experience, which included nearly sinking the boat during one heavy weather race, taught them a great deal — not least a need for the strongest gear and equipment.

The \$4 million initial campaign funds were raised through private donations and a £3 million share issue launched on the London Stock Exchange, but the Syndicate still remained desperately short of cash until Guinness invested £700,000 into the Challenge in September with the promise of a further £500,000 if White Crusader reached the final rounds.

Unfortunately that last-minute injection was not enough and a further round of high-powered meetings between Walker, the syndicate head and possible sponsors in London last month failed to raise immediate interest.

But if there were problems with finance, there were no question marks over Cudmore's choice of crew. The Irishman is among the best in the world at match-racing and many of his crew shared in British victories in the last Southern Cross, Sardinia and Three Quarter Ton Cups. They may not have needed the same amount of practice given to raw recruits in other Syndicates, but the six months spent sailing off Fremantle proved insufficient to hone White Crusader into a winner.

Cudmore admitted as much last week after a worn clip holding the spinnaker halyard cost White Crusader 12 points in her race against America II "Clips which work perfectly at Newport year after year start parting in 32 knots. We've calculated the loads, but you have to sail day after day here to know the stress factors and when to replace things. The people at the top of the points table have, without exception, sailed longer down here or elsewhere together."

"We thought we'd worked things out but in a 12-metre campaign they have a habit of catching up with you. Out of the hundreds of items on a boat, there will

be one or two that catch up with you at crucial times. It's probably due to lack of time and experience sailing down here."

The first gremlin to show up was a fault in the computer programming which led to instrument failure during two races in the first round robin trials in October.

## Equipment failure cost three races

However, the most telling self-inflicted injuries to British hopes came during a problem-packed three-day period in the second series in November when an accident onboard, spinnaker pole failure and a lost sail cost them a race against America II on one day; the failure of a running backstay block led to their withdrawal with a badly bent mast while leading USA in the next; and a jammed luff zipper hindered progress against New Zealand on the third, before finally losing a man overboard and three sails against French Kiss later in the series — damage that cost 20 invaluable points.

The broken boom, snapped genoa sheet and a jammed halyard experienced during this latest series brought down the final curtain on White Crusader's hopes. Her crew's spirited finish yesterday against New Zealand, providing a glimpse of potential, if finance and timing had been better.

The lesson's gained from this challenge are plain. The £5 million budget required doubling, and the crew needed two years to tune themselves and boat into a race winning combination.

That might yet happen. Walker intends to keep the British Syndicate together and campaign one or both 12 metres in the world championship of Sardinia next June before mounting a fresh challenge in 1990. The only question remaining, is whether Peter de Savary will also be throwing his hat in the ring?



Full sail for home: White Crusader leads New Zealand, but ultimately lost and now goes out

# All the tricks cannot stop Kiwis

From Keith Wheatley, Fremantle

White Crusader conceded her last hope of winning a place in the semi-finals of the America's Cup to the leading Kiwis after one of the most thrilling races yet seen in the competition.

Harry Cudmore, the British skipper, manoeuvred to gain a substantial lead for White Crusader on the fourth leg. His play was as audacious as it was imaginative. It was probably the most savage piece of tactical racing ever executed in a 25-tonne 12-metre. It would have looked daring in a 14ft dinghy.

White Crusader won the start by a no-nonsense margin of eight seconds. Cudmore used all his skill, that unique mixture of cunning and cold aggression, to outfox Chris Dickson, the young New Zealand prodigy, who later described himself as "out of touch" after two days rest.

The breeze was a gentle 13 knots from the SW, freshening a little to around 16 knots. However, the Kiwi versus British tussle was sailed on an extremely light air course where the wind may have been a little gentler. At the first cross, two-thirds of the way up the initial three mile beat White Crusader had about a boat length advantage. Cudmore, however, decided not to cross ahead of the Kiwis, but to sail away and opted to protect the right hand side of the course.

Cudmore's disdain of match-racing tactics went further. On the run into the buoy at the first windward mark, he declined to cross ahead of the Kiwis, confident of his advantage, he headed straight for the starboard layline and then tossed to beat the mark.

It was recognition by

New Zealand to head up wind. "If you luff someone head to wind with a spinnaker set, that's always a bit of fun," said the Cudmore. "Harold saw our predicament and forced us into making it worse," said Dickson. "Our guys worked very hard to make the spare pole work."

CHALLENGER SERIES RESULTS: The second leg of the America's Cup trials was sailed in French Kiss, 2min 07sec; Azura by Challenge France, 2min 10sec; America II by America II, 2min 11sec; Heart of America, 2min 12sec; and White Crusader, 2min 18sec.

CHALLENGER STANDINGS

Team	Wins	Losses	Points
New Zealand	30	1	162
Stars and Stripes	24	7	118
French Kiss	19	12	117
Azura	25	6	116
USA	21	8	115
White Crusader	15	10	91
Canada II	14	17	79
Heart of America	14	17	79
England	9	22	36
Azura II	4	27	28

TODAY'S RACES: USA v America II; Stars and Stripes v Challenge France; Canada II v New Zealand; Azura v Heart of America.

DEFENDER SERIES RESULTS: Third round, North Sea (Subject to protest): Kookaburra II by Kookaburra II, 6:58; Australia IV by Australia IV, 7:02.

DEFENDER STANDINGS

Team	Wins	Losses	Points
Kookaburra II	30	0	50
Australia IV	20	8	41
Kookaburra I	12	18	28
Stark v Kidney	2	28	9

White Crusader gybed back to starboard and was calmly reeking for the mark, while K27 allowed without a pole on her keel to jump off after the other.

That is a technical breach of the rules and the protest flag fluttered from White Crusader instantly. Cudmore wanted his lead and another life in the jury

room. Later the British abandoned the protest.

"It was a typical Cudmore manoeuvre. He's very, very tough," said Holly Tasker, a leading Australian yachtsman. Tasker, an Olympic gold medal winner, sailed with Cudmore on Siska.

"It's probably the first time anyone has done that to the Kiwis in a 12-metre." New Zealand finally overtook the Britons on the final leg. After a grueling tacking duel with the Kiwis so close that they sailed through each other's shadows, the Kiwis crossed the finishing line six seconds ahead. Given the speed of the boats, it always looked the likely outcome. The miracle was that White Crusader held them off for so long.

Cudmore later paid tribute to the quality of USA's left leg. "K2 is the best boat here in all-round terms," he said. "If the Kiwis become the Challengers they will be the clear favourites to take the Cup."

The semi-finals should now see New Zealand, Stars and Stripes, French Kiss, and either America II or USA — with the draw and the odds slightly favouring the New York team over the San Francisco skipper and his radical forward-rudder yacht, although Canada II, the Vancouver flier led by around 20sec on the first seven legs before the Americans found a freshening breeze to snatch victory by 9sec. French Kiss was never a match and trailed to a disappointing 10th place, ground by four minutes.

On the Defender course, Australia IV beat Stark v Kidney easily and Kookaburra II disposed of her senior sister, revealing in the light air.

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## SKIING

# Johnson is out of action after crash

Val Gardena (Reuter) — Bill Johnson, the Olympic downhill champion, will be out of action for the rest of the Alpine ski season after injuring his left knee in a training crash yesterday.

"I don't think he will be ready for the spring," Dave Donaldson, the American team doctor, said. Johnson lost control as he came off the last of the Camel Bumps on Val Gardena's 3,640-metre Salong course — a notoriously difficult trio of jumps where many skiers have come to grief.

The American, who had not gained any points this season, had set only the 58th fastest time in another training run on Thursday for today's fourth World Cup downhill.

Johnson's coach, Theo Nadig, said he discussed the Camel Bumps with Johnson before the practice. "I told him you can take either the left line or the right line — one is faster and one is safer, but don't take the middle line as it is dangerous. But Billy took the middle line and you could see he was scared."

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## BASKETBALL

# Clubs in ticket row

Basketball's first sell-out cup final at the Albert Hall on Monday has upset supporters of the two finalists. Supporters club officials of both Fulham and Portsmouth have protested to the English Basketball Association that no more than 150 tickets were reserved for latecomers of each club.

Even club secretary Albert Hall capacity reduced to 4,500 by the size of the court, the clubs feel they have been unfairly treated by the EBBA.

Met Welch, the secretary of the EBBA, explained yesterday that they did not want to be left with tickets on several occasions. "They feel they could have received more tickets."

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## REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS

### SATURDAY

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